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ADAMS—December 23, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Honeypark Lodge, Kingstown, a daughter.

BURTON—December 18, 1921, at 6 Charleston av., Ranelagh, Dublin, to Robert W. G. and Evelyn Burton, a son.

DENVIR—December 26, 1921, at 89 Lower Baggot st., to Emily, wife of Captain James Denvir, Winona, Blackrock, Dublin, a son.

HOOD—December 26, 1921, at Swift Current, Sask., Canada, the wife of George A. Hood (née Nina Kelly), of a son.

LUKE—December 26, 1921, at 89 Lower Baggot st., to Mr and Mrs. Walter Luke, of Kenilworth House, Seafield rd., Clontarf, a son (Dermot).

MEDCALF—December 26, 1921, at 1 Summerville tce., Dalkey, to Captain and Mrs. Norman H. Medcalf, a son.

MERCER—Sunday, December 18, 1921, at Arès Gironde, France, to Ernest and Marie Mercer (née Brayden), a son.

TAYLOR—December 23, 1921, at Mill House, Knockdrin, Mullingar, the wife of T. C. Taylor, of a daughter.

WALSH—December 2, 1921, to the wife of Kevin Walsh, Solicitor, 27 Strand rd., Sandymount, a son.

WANN—December 26, 1921, at Denmark House, Lower Leeson st., to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wann, 43 Moyne rd., Rathmines, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

EVANS and DEAN—December 17, 1921, at Christ Church, Chelsea, by the Rev. F. W. Eddison, Vicar, Richard John, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Evans, of Bray, Co. Wicklow, to Alice, second daughter of Mr. M. Dean and the late Mrs. Dean, of 14 Christchurch st., Chelsea, London. English and American papers please copy.

MURPHY and McCLEMENTS—December 21, 1921, at Hillhall Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. J. C. Breakey, B.A., Lisburn, Henry Murphy, 30 St. Jude's av., Belfast, to Rachel Elizabeth (Bessie), elder daughter of David McClements, Whiteabbey.

WINTERS and PATTERSON—December 21, 1921, at Baggotrath Church, by the Rev. Canon Mervyn, George Henry, only son of the late Thomas and Jane Winters, 44 Haddington rd., Dublin, to Norah, eldest daughter of the late Richard Patterson, 9 Leahy's tce., Sandymount, Co. Dublin, and Mrs. Patterson, 7 Pembroke rd., Dublin.

DEATHS.

ALLEN—December 23, 1921, at 63 Booterstown av., Blackrock, Charlotte Allen, late of Brisbane. Australian papers please copy.

BLAKELY—December 24, 1921, at a Private Nursing Home, Marianne, daughter of the late Captain Blakely. Funeral private.

CARR—At her sister's residence, 309 West 112th st., New York, Mrs. Kate Carr, Arch Cottage, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

CLARKE—December 27, 1921, at a Nursing Home in Dublin, William Clarke, of Ballybrittas, aged 73 years. Funeral to-day to New Lea, from Portarlington Station, at 10.30 o'clock.

COOK—On Tuesday, December 27, 1921, at 27 Longford tce., Monkstown, Hubert Guy, Commissioner of Irish Lights. Funeral will leave above address to-morrow (Friday), 30th inst., at 10.30 a.m., for Dean's Grange Cemetery.

CONNICK—December 28, 1921, at his residence, Quay st., Dundalk, Thomas Connick, Secretary Dundalk Harbour Commissioners. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to Castletown to-morrow (Friday) at 2 p.m.

HUGHES—December 27, 1921, Evaline (Eva), eldest daughter of the late Colonel J. H. Hughes, R.A.M.C. Fondly loved, deeply mourned. R.I.P. Funeral, in London, to-day (Thursday), 29th.

HUSSEY—On Christmas Day, 1921, Eileen Margaret Hussey, of 18 Elvaston place, third daughter of the late S. M. Hussey, D.L., Co. Kerry.

KILROY—December 26, 1921, at Moat View, Oldcastle, Susan, fifth daughter of the late James Kilroy, aged 75 years. Funeral private.

KNOX—At Inverisk, Killiney, after a long illness, Colonel Charles Howe Knox, D.L., of Creagh, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, late 8th Royal Irish Hussars, aged 81 years. Funeral (private) from Creagh on Saturday at 11.30. No flowers, by request.

MACKRELL—December 28, 1921, at Race Park, Trim, Co. Meath, John Mackrell, aged 78.

MARSHALL—On Christmas Day, 1921, at their residence, "Tullach-na-Gréine," Strabane, the infant daughter of District-Inspector and Mrs. Marshall, R.I. Constabulary.

MILNE—December 26, 1921, Mary Pirrie, beloved wife of George Milne, Newrath, Waterford, in her 73rd year. Funeral to-day (Thursday), at 12 noon, to John's Hill Cemetery.

MITCHELL—December 27, 1921, at Luragh, Ballynacarry, Mullingar (the residence of her son-in-law, John Cox), Edwina, widow of the late Thomas Mitchell, Tubberaquill, Mullingar. Funeral from Tubberaquill to-day (Thursday), 29th, at 12 o'clock, to Reynella Burying Ground.

MOYNAN—December 26, 1921, at Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, Mary Anne Moynan, widow of the late Thomas Moynan, aged 76. "Rock of ages cleft for me."

O'KEEFFE—December 23, 1921, at a Nursing Home, London, Thomas F. O'Keeffe, M.D., Surgeon-Commander, R.N., eldest son of the late Cornelius O'Keeffe, Irish Land Commission, Garryhesta House, Ovens, Co. Cork. R.I.P. Funeral took place yesterday (Wednesday), 28th, for Richmond.

PIELOW—December 27, 1921, at Liverpool, John Joseph (Jack), third eldest son of William and Rachel Pielow, of 1 Merrion View av. "With Christ, which is far better." Funeral from above address for Mount Jerome Cemetery to-morrow (Friday) at 10.30 a.m.

TRESILIAN—December 25, 1921, Matilda Elizabeth Tresilian, of 18 Sandymount rd., Dublin, and late of Bandon, Co. Cork.

WALSHE—December 28, 1921, at Incurable Hospital, Donnybrook, Kathleen Marion, daughter of the late Samuel Walshe, Esq., Baltracy House, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), 10 o'clock, Mount Jerome.

WELLS—December 28, 1921, A. Owen Wells, M.P.S.I., of 61 Upper Sackville st., Dublin, dearly-loved elder and only surviving son of the late James Wells, M.P.S.I., and of Mrs. Wells, 4 Castlewood Park, Rathmines, aged 41 years. Funeral from Castlewood Park to-morrow (Friday), 30th inst., 9 a.m.

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LOST, Umbrella, silver crook handle, Rathmines shops, December 23rd. Reward at address on handle.

LOST, December 24, in Clonskeagh tram at Drumcondra, Lady's Grey Suede Bag, containing sum of money, key, etc. Reward, Egan, St. Michael's, Drumcondra.

LOST, on 26th, a Jade and Pearl Earring, between Donnybrook terminus and 14 Anglesea road. Reward 10/-.

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SOLUTIONS of the Picture Puzzle in the Christmas Number of the "Weekly Irish Times" should be sent in before Saturday, 7th January. F

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VEG. Maid Wanted, for Salthill Hotel. Apply 48 Dawson street. E

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WANTED, a Cook and Singlehanded Housemaid where cook housemaid and indoor man servant kept; Protestants preferred; must be experienced servants, accustomed to gentleman's service. Apply, with references and stating wages required, to Mrs. Kirk, 21 University square, Belfast. E

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WANTED immediately, good, young Cook General. Apply, any evening after 6 o'clock, 70 Highfield road, Rathgar. A

WANTED, Cook General, for Donabate. Reply, stating wages and copies references, C 130, this office. A

WANTED immediately, for doctor's house, city, Cook General; also House Parlourmaid; two in family; two sisters or friends preferred; state age, wages, when disengaged.—"Z 970, General," this office. A

WANTED immediately, good Cook General well recommended; £30; two family; Rathmines; copies. C 109, this office. E

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WANTED, young Cook General, January 19th; good cooking; family three.—18 Clarinda Park, East, Kingstown.

WANTED, capable Cook General, young; small dairy and fowl, house parlourmaid kept; no washing; good wages.—McKeever, Stickillen, Ardee. A

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A YOUNG, experienced General Wanted, Phoenix Park road; no washing; copies discharges.—C 84, this office. A

A YOUNG General Wanted; small family; early riser.—46 Upper Baggot st.

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GENERAL Wanted; well recommended; Dartmouth square; small family.—C 118, this office.

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Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland made In the Matter of the Estate of JANE SARAH ARMSTRONG, Deceased; FRANK ROBERT WEST, Plaintiff; FREDERICK MALCOLM WEST, Defendant; the Creditors of the said Jane Sarah Armstrong, late of No. 6 Royal Marine road, Kingstown, in the County of Dublin, Spinster, who died in or about the month of May, 1921, are, on or before the 1st day of February, 1922, to send by post, prepaid, to Messrs. Fred. Sutton and Co., of 62 Dame street, in the City of Dublin, the Solicitors for Frank Robert West, the Plaintiff, the Executor of the Deceased, their Christian and surname, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, or in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.
Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same before the Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls at his Chambers, Four Courts, Dublin, on the 8th day of February, 1922, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 14th day of December, 1921.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.

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FREDERICK LEOPOLD FLOOD, late of 40 Morehampton road, in the County of Dublin, and of 3 Dawson street, in the City of Dublin, L.R.C.P. and S.I., Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise to have any claims or demands against the estate or assets of the said Frederick Leopold Flood, who died on the 5th day of June, 1921, are hereby required, on or before the 1st day of February, 1922, to furnish in writing particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for Cedric Lockington Flood and Mrs. Gladys Ella Whitaker, the Executors named in the Will of said Deceased, and to whom Probate thereof was granted on the 21st day of November, 1921, forth of the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Southern Ireland.
And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 1st day of February, 1922, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to those claims and demands of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1921.
BERNARD M. O'GRADY, Solicitor for the said Executors, 22 Nassau street, Dublin.

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"A1" MOTOR Cycles—New Imperials, 1922 models now on view; Sunbeam, Lewis, and Les Francis on the way; several special bargains in new 1921 Machines; come and see them.—Wayte Bros., 151 Lemon st., off Grafton st. T

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MOTOR Driver seeks engagement; first class papers; highly recommended; all running repairs; please state terms.—C 178, this office. A

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer—29.60. Wind and Weather—Strong westerly wind, with heavy squalls.

Coastwise Arrivals.—Slieve Gallion, Silvermore, Arvonia, from Holyhead, with goods, passengers, etc.; Magpie, from Glasgow, with goods; Brunel, from Preston, with goods; Sard, from Glasgow, with coals; Talacre, Ircna, from Point of Aire, with coals.

Foreign Departure.—Atalanta, of Glasgow (319 tons), for Glasgow, with part cargo.

Coastwise Departures.—Slieve Gallion, Silvermore, Arvonia, for Holyhead, with goods, passengers, etc.; Blackrock, for Liverpool, with goods; Magpie, for Glasgow, with goods; Brier, for Heysham, with goods; Lady Kerry, for Liverpool, with live stock; Solway Firth, for Glasgow, light; St. Mirren, Guneo, Foulkis, for Ayr, light; Aspen, for Point of Aire, light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ACTOR, for London, left Trinidad 24th.
ALMANZORA, from Southampton, arr. Rio Janeiro 26.
AUTHOR, for Liverpool left Newport News 24th.
BENLEDIG, for Para, left Hull 24th.
CAMPO, for Avonmouth, and CHANGUINOLA for Santa Marta, both left Kingston (Jamaica) 28th.
CARDIGANSHIRE, from San Francisco, arr. Hull 24.
CELTIC, from Liverpool, arrived New York 26th.
CITY OF DELHI, Yokohama for London, called Moji 27th.
CITY OF GLASGOW, Tientsin for London, left Singapore 26th.
COLLEGIAN, for Calcutta and ALEXANDRIAN, for New Orleans, left the Mersey 24th.
CITY OF MANILA, for London, left Calcutta 24th.
CITY OF POONA, Liverpool for Calcutta, called Colombo 26th.
DEMERARA, La Plata for Liverpool, called Rio Janeiro 26th.
DESNA, Bissil for Liverpool, left Vigo 27th.
EGYPT, London for Shanghai, arr. Hong Kong 27th.
FRISIA, New Orleans for Amsterdam, called Southampton 27th.
HIGHLAND LADDIE, from London, arrived Monte Video 26th.
HOLBEIN, for Liverpool, left Las Palmas 26th.
HOLBEIN, Buenos Ayres for Liverpool, left Teneriffe 27
HUNTSGREEN, for Southampton, left Bombay 26th.
JAN PIETERSZOON CAEN, for Java, left Southampton 27th.
KALYAN, Calcutta for London, called Colombo 24th.
KAMAKURA MARU, Yokohama for Liverpool, arrived Colombo 26th.
KAMAKURA MARU, Yokohama for Liverpool, left Colombo 28th.
KASHGAR, Immingham for Yokohama, arrived Gibraltar 27th.
KATOOMBA, Liverpool for Bombay, arr. P. Said 28.
KAZEMBE, Yokohama for London, and PEGURUGA MARU, Liverpool for Yokohama, arrived Singapore 26th.
KHYBER, London for Calcutta, and SCOTIAN, from Southampton, arrived Bombay 24th.
KONINGIN DER NEDERLANDEN, Batavia for Suez, passed Perim 28th.
LOSADA, from the Clyde, arrived Tocopilla 27th.
MANTUA, for London, left Bombay 24th.
MATADOR, from Liverpool, arrived Calcutta 25th.
MERCIAN, for London, left Norfolk 24th.
MITO MARU, from Yokohama, for BENIN, from Africa, and FRANCISCO, from New York, arr. Hull 25th.
NALDERA, for London, left Sydney 27th.
NEOCYA, from Tenerife, arrived the Mersey 28th.
NORETON HAY, London for Brisbane, left Colombo 27th.
NELLORE, Yokohama for London, arr. Singapore 26.
NORTHERN PACIFIC, London for North Pacific, left Colon 26
NINIAN, from Liverpool, arr. Kingston (Jamaica) 27
ORMONDE, London for Brisbane, arr. Gibraltar 28th.
ORVIETO, from Brisbane; INTOMBI, from Beira, and ORVIETO, from Natal, arrived Gravesend 27th.
PALERMO, London for Sydney, arrived Melbourne 26.
PARATTAH, for Australia, left Swansea 24th.
PATRICIAN, from London for New York, arrived 25th; CORNISHMAN, from Avonmouth, arrived Boston 27th.
PERSIAWAR, London for Sydney, arr. Malta 28th.
PORT DENISON, from Melbourne, arrived Hull 25th.
RENUERA, from Wellington, arrived Gravesend 28th.
SANTOS, from Brazil, arrived Hamburg 26th.
SAXON, Southampton for Port Natal, left Table Bay 27
SCOTIA, London for Calcutta, called Madras 25th.
SOMALI, for London, left Colombo 24th.
SOMERSETSHIRE, for United Kingdom, left Rio Janeiro 24th.
TEVIOT, from Hull, arrived Havana 24th.
THEMISTOCLES, London for Brisbane, left Table Bay 27th.
WARWICKSHIRE, from London, arrived Rangoon 27.
ZEELAND, for Plymouth, left New York 24th.

Cunard Line.

BRESCIA left Smirna on Tuesday.
CYPRIA left Catania on Tuesday.
THE HOEROT arrived at Havre on Sunday from Liverpool.
VIRGILIA left New York on Saturday for London.

THIS FEATURE LAST APPEARED ON DECEMBER 16th.
NEXT DATE DUE JANUARY 13th.

BUILDING & RECONSTRUCTION.

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TRADE PRICES ON APPLICATION.

THE HIGH COST OF BUILDING.

EXCESSIVE PRICES.

There is a general opinion in the building trade that the high cost of building is attributable in the main to the excessive price of building materials, and the London House Builders' Association has recorded the view that the trusts and combines which now control production of building materials are largely responsible for the continued high prices. Heavy arrears in building have to be made up everywhere; manufacturers need new or renovated factories; business men require more commodious premises, and there is still a great shortage of dwellinghouses, while the building trade needs stimulation, and thousands of workmen are waiting to be employed.

None of these demands can be satisfied while the cost of building remains at its present high level, and a reduction in the cost is now in the main dependent upon a fall in the price of materials. A fall in those prices is forecasted in the coming year, but there is anxiety that no artificial barrier shall be allowed to prevent or retard the process. This anxiety is crystallising into a public demand for an inquiry into the operations of the various trade associations which control the production and prices of building materials.

A comparison of the wages paid in Dublin and in Great Britain serves to emphasise the difficulty in which the Irish building firms find themselves. For example, the rates paid to bricklayers across the Channel vary considerably. In some places they are as low as 1s. 7d. per hour, but in the cities which might be taken as comparable with Dublin a higher figure is given. In London, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, and Edinburgh bricklayers are paid at the rate of 2s. 0½d. per hour. In Dublin the rate is 2s. 2d. per hour.

The rates of bricklayers in Great Britain have, so far, been reduced by 3½d. per hour—in two "cuts," one of 2d. and one of 1½d. per hour, bringing the rate from 2s. 4d. to 2s. 0½d., while the bricklayers in Dublin have had but one "cut" of 1d., reducing the rate of pay from 2s. 3d. to 2s. 2d. per hour. Before the war the relative positions in Dublin and the leading centres on the other side were reversed. At that time the Dublin men were paid from 1½d. to 2d. per hour less than those in Great Britain, whereas at present they are receiving 1½d. per hour more.

HOUSES FOR IRISH EX-SERVICE MEN.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS PLACED.

The execution of plans for the housing of ex-Service men in Ireland is making satisfactory progress. The Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Act, 1919, places upon the Local Government Board the duty of deciding the applications made by men for houses, the selection of sites, and acquisition of land, and when these preliminaries are complete the Commissioners of Public Works make the contracts for the erection of cottages, fencing, road-making, etc.

The Government commitments in this matter amount to about £1,000,000, and include the erection of 1,300 cottages over 26 counties in Ireland.

Over a thousand of the cottages are under construction, while a considerable number have been completed, and are now occupied by ex-Servicemen at Bray, Raheny, Swords, etc.

While preliminary inquiries are still being made regarding further schemes, the Commissioners placed contracts during the year for the erection of these cottages in the following districts with the contractors named:—

Antrim Rural District: M'Auley, M'Ilroy, and Co., Ltd., Belfast.
Armagh Scheme: A. C. Simpson, Armagh.
Antrim Rural District: W. and J. Armstrong, Glenview, Antrim.
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Antrim and Belfast Rural District: Hughes and Thompson, Lisburn.
Abbeyleix Rural District: M. J. Sweeney, Portarlington.
Ballinasloe No. 1 Rural District: Louis B. Ward, Ballinasloe.
Ballycastle Rural District: Neal Dallat, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim.
Balrotherry and Rathdown No. 2 Rural Districts: Collen Bros., Dublin.
Ballymahon Rural District: P. Kelly and Sons, Longford.
Birr No. 1 Rural District: A. Panton Watkinson, Dublin.
Ballymena Rural District: D. K. M'Kee, Ahoghill, Co. Antrim; John Carson, Clonavon, Ballymena.
Ballyshannon Rural District: J. M'Bride, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.
Balrotherry Rural District: J. J. Flanagan, Drumcondra, Dublin.
Belfast Rural District: J. and R. W. Taggart, Belfast; P. Ritchie, Belfast.
Belfast Rural District: R. M. Allison, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim.
Callan Rural District: Connolly and Cullen, Kilkenny.
Cork Rural District: Meagher and Hayes, Cork.
Clogher Rural District: George Martin, Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone.
Cookstown Scheme: T. M'Keown and Sons, Cookstown, County Tyrone.
Charleville: Meagher and Hayes, Cork.
Clogheen Rural District: Messrs. Roche, Morrissey and Kennedy, Clonmel.
Crossmaglen Rural District: J. Fleming, Newry.
Clonmel No. 1 Rural District: Meagher and Hayes, Cork.
Co. Clare and Co. Tipperary, N.R.: P. Molloy, Limerick; P. Rafferty, Killaloe.
Cavan Rural District: R. Thompson, Dublin.
Delvin Rural District: L. M. Coghlan, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath.
Dungarvan District: John M'Grath, Dungarvan.
Dungannon Rural District: T. McKeown and Sons, Cookstown.
Enniscorthy Rural District: R. C. Williamson, Enniscorthy.
Enniskillen Rural District: James Harvey and Son, Enniskillen.
Edenderry (No. 1) Rural District: H. Kelly, Coneyborough, Edenderry.
Ennis Rural District: J. Daly, Ennis.
Ennis Rural District: M. F. Smith, Ennis.
Hillsborough Rural District: W. J. and C. Law, Lisburn.
Irrinestown Rural District: J. M'Aran, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh.
Kilkee Rural District (Fencing): D. Hincny, Newtown, Killaloe.
Kilkeel Rural District and Newry Urban District: P. Carvill and Sons, Ballydesland, Warrenpoint.
Kinsale Rural District: Meagher and Hayes, Cork.
Kinsale Rural District: Kelly and Sons, Kinsale.
Kells Rural District: S. Henly and Sons, Drogheda.
Lisnaskea Rural District: G. Stokes and Sons, Dungarvan.
Limavaddy Rural District: J. Bloomfield, Brookeborough, Co. Fermanagh.
Limerick No. 2 Rural District: P. Rafferty, Killaloe.
Monaimellick Rural District: J. Beckett, Ltd., Dublin.
Mallow Rural District: Meagher and Hayes, Cork.
Magherafelt Rural District: J. McKeown and Sons, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.
Mohill Rural District: R. Thompson, Dublin.
Mullingar Rural District: C. Doyle, Mullingar.
Midleton Rural District: J. J. Coffey, Midleton, Co. Cork; M. J. O'Donoghue, Cork.
Newry Nos. 1 and 2 Rural Districts: J. Fleming, Newry.
North Dublin District: G. W. Scott and Co., Ltd., Dublin.
Naas No. 1 Rural District: Kyle Bros., Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin; Collen Bros., East Wall, Dublin.
Nenagh Rural District: A. Panton Watkinson, Dublin.
Omagh Rural District: J. M'Grath, Omagh.
Portumna Rural District: T. M'Dermott, Portumna, Co. Galway.
Raheny: James A. Campbell and Co., Dublin.
Rathdown No. 1 Rural District: J. A. Campbell, Clontarf, Dublin.
Roscommon Rural District: Henion Bros., Roscommon.
Rathdown (No. 2) Scheme: H. J. Evans, Greystones.
Ratheroon Rural District: J. Keely, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin.
Stranorlar Rural District: J. M'Bride, East Port, Ballyshannon.
South Dublin Rural District: J. Beckett, Ltd., Dublin.
Thurles Rural District: Meagher and Hayes, Cork.
Tullamore District: J. Beckett, Ltd., Dublin.
Thurles Rural District: M. Purcell, Littleton, Thurles.
Trim Rural District: T. Hobbs, Kilmessan, Co. Meath.
Thomastown Rural District: H. and A. Hamilton, Waterford.
Tipperary No. 1 Rural District: M. Barry, Bansha, Co. Tipperary.
Tipperary No. 2 Rural District: J. Cleary, Clarleville, Co. Cork.
Wexford Rural District: Mrs. M. O'Connor, Wexford.

In addition to the schemes mentioned above, the Local Government Board are carrying out by direct labour the erection of 240 dwellings at Kilkenny, near Clontarf station, Dublin, under the supervision of the Local Government Board. About 100 of these are under construction, and many of them will be ready for occupation in a very short time.

Dublin Notes.

The new building for the Provincial Bank at the Rotunda corner of Upper Sackville street is making rapid headway, and, when completed, will greatly enhance the appearance of that area.

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The premises for the Bank of Ireland in Lower Sackville street are approaching completion, and the removal of the scaffolding reveals one of the most artistic buildings in that thoroughfare.

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Blackrock Urban District Council invite tenders for the supply and delivery at the Town Hall, Blackrock, of about 100 hard wood chairs, for the Assembly Rooms. Preference will be given to Irish manufacture.

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The Board of Public Works, Dublin, has placed with Messrs. Dockrell, Sons, and Co., Ltd., the contract for painting and glazing works and supplies, and with Messrs. Baird's, Ltd., Dublin, the contract for plumbing work at the Royal Hibernian Military School.

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A suggestion has been made that, in the event of the military leaving the city barracks soon, the premises vacated should be made available for those who at present are unable to get homes for themselves, and are living in overcrowded dwellings. This idea has been adopted in Aberdeen, where a considerable number of families have been provided with accommodation after small alterations had been made on the old barracks.

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A quantity of the best brick clay in Ireland is offered for sale, along the side of the county road, at Kill-o'-the-Grange, by Mr. E. W. Hall. The building trade should welcome an opportunity of developing such an important industry within easy reach of the city. The quality of the clay is vouched for, as formerly when those bricks were available, and all architects' specifications concluded with the words—"The work to be carried out with Kill-o'-the-Grange or other approved brick."

WORLD COMPETITION FOR ARCHITECTS.

CAIRO HOSPITAL DESIGNS.

The Royal Institute of British Architects has received intimation that five out of the six designs selected in the preliminary competition for the hospital and medical school to be erected near Cairo by the Egyptian Government, are those of British architects. The competition was open to the world, and designs were submitted by many of the most distinguished architects of the United States, France, Italy, Canada, as well as of Great Britain. The following are the six successful competitors:—Mr. J. R. Truelove, A.R.I.B.A., care of Imperial War Graves Commission, 51, Omer, Pas de Calais, France; Messrs. Cackett and Burns Dick, FF.R.I.B.A., Pilgrim House, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Messrs. W. and T. R. Milburn, FF.R.I.B.A., 11 Esplanade West, Sunderland; MM. Pierre and Louis Guidetti, 31 Quai Bourbon, Paris; Messrs. Lanchester, Rickards, and Lucas, FF.R.I.B.A., and T. A. Lodge, A.R.I.B.A., 19 Bedford square, London, W.C. 1; and Messrs. Nicholas and Dixon Spain, FF.R.I.B.A., 19 Hanover square, London, W. 1. The assessor was Mr. J. W. Simpson, Past-President of the R.I.B.A.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE BUILDING TRADE.

REDUCTIONS OF WAGES.

The Ministry of Labour, in their December official statement, show that employment in the building trades during the previous month continued to show a decline, which was more marked than the preceding month in Ireland. Work continued good with plasterers, moderate with bricklayers, carpenters, and plumbers, slack with masons, and with painters it was very bad, and much worse than the previous month.

The total number of unemployed in the United Kingdom at 2nd December was 184,467, an average of 20.3 per cent., but in Ireland, with 16,020 unemployed, the percentage was the extraordinarily high one of 33.7, a figure far beyond any part of Great Britain.

Changes in rates of wages recorded last month included the decrease of 1½d. per hour, from 2s. 2d. to 2s. 0½d., of bricklayers, carpenters, joiners, slaters, plumbers, and plasterers in Belfast. In the United Kingdom 446,000 workers in the building and allied trades sustained reductions of wages between January and November amounting to £303,900 weekly, while 2,400 workers received increases amounting to £700 weekly.

"In the brick trade employment showed a further decline, and many workers were discharged, and some works in England partially or completely closed down. The wages paid showed a reduction of 5.3 per cent. when compared with a month earlier, and 26.6 compared with a year ago.

Employment was very bad generally in the cement trade, and the wages paid showed a decrease of 20.3 per cent., with those paid a month earlier, and 53.7 per cent. compared with a year ago.

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ENGINEERS' BONUS WITHDRAWN.

The last of the three instalments by which the bonuses of 12½ and 7½ per cent. given to time-workers and piece-workers, respectively, in the engineering, shipbuilding, and various metal trades are being withdrawn, operates from 1st January, and applies to the federated shipbuilding and engineering workers in Dublin and Belfast.

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Speaking at the annual conference of the Educational Associations in London yesterday, Professor L. P. Jacks, Principal of Manchester College, Oxford, predicted that in the future education would not be a side show or an appendage of the State, but an equal partner in the community of interests. The schoolmaster of to-day would be the statesman of to-morrow, but exercising his function in a different kind of state, with wider vision, more humane spirit, and with more efficient State machinery at his disposal than now existed.

Education, they claimed, should, as the nature of its task demanded, be master in its own house, and the schoolmaster should not be the servant of the designs of politicians and economists.

In an age which had seen notable political inventions to the idea of making Ireland a Free State within the Empire, was it inconceivable to ask that responsible statesmen might one day be persuaded to entertain a proposal to give "Dominion status" to education? Why should they be alarmed were a proposal made to transfer the functions of the Education Department to the teaching community, itself enjoying "Dominion status" within that circle of interests which constituted a Commonwealth? Education, once freed, would become an international enterprise, containing the starting point of a fraternal community of the nations of the earth.

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The White Star line have decided to appoint a Commodore to their fleet, and the first Commander to hoist the flag—a red pennant, with a white star upon it—will be Sir Bertram Hayes, who was recently promoted to the same rank in the Royal Naval Reserve. The Commodore's colours will be flown over the well-known White Star line house flag.

Sir Bertram has been appointed to the Majestic (56,000 tons), which is scheduled to leave Southampton on May 10 on her maiden trip in the White Star line's Southampton-Cherbourg-New York service, when he will hoist his pennant for the first time. He is an outstanding figure in the British mercantile marine. At present he is the commander of the Olympic, and he held that post during the war. His services to the country during those eventful years include the sinking of at least one German submarine.

Useful Reminders TO Women looking FOR Bargains AT THE January Sales ARE GIVEN BY Molly Bawn IN THE Weekly Irish Times ON SALE TO-DAY. PRICE TWOPENCE.

ANGLING.

EARLY SALMON RIVERS.

The rivers everywhere are highly swollen and dirty, but the early rivers are said to have New Year salmon already in them—the Lennan, Bundrowes, Bush, Waterville, and other waters, which receive very early runs. The Bundrowes is the only one that will open to rod fishing on the 1st prox., the others remaining closed until February 1. The Bundrowes is largely in private hands.

Under rather adverse weather conditions, the North-East Ulster Angling Club held its annual Boxing Day coarse fishing competition on Toome Canal. At the weigh-in the judge, Mr. T. Smyth, assisted by Mr. F. Burnside, secretary, who acted as captain of the day, made the following awards:—1st prize and Braddell Silver Challenge Cup, Mr. John Beattie, 51 perch; 2nd, Mr. S. Forsyth, 37 fish; 3rd, Mr. T. Bill, 37 fish (this having been a tie decided by weight of total catches); 4th, Mr. T. Smyth, 35 fish; 5th, Mr. William M'Connell (this also having been a tie decided by weight of catches); 6th, Mr. S. M'Ilwaine, 24 fish; 7th, Mr. J. Pringle (this also having been a tie decided by weight of catches).

HOCKEY.

LADIES' LEINSTER LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above will be held in the D.B.C., St. Stephen's Green, this evening at 5.30 sharp, to make fixtures for second round of Senior and Middle League.

WATERFORD HOLIDAY GAMES.

Two interesting matches were played in Waterford during the Christmas holidays on the Waterford Club's ground at Ballinakill. On Boxing Day the two unbeaten teams this year—Waterford and Limerick P.Y.M.C.A.—met in a friendly game. Despite the adverse weather conditions a good crowd turned out to watch the match, which was keen and exciting. Limerick won by 4 goals to nil.

On Tuesday Waterford met the 1st Devons in a friendly contest on the same ground, and the former secured victory by the narrow margin of 1 goal to nil.

Maids of the Mountain H.C.—General practice at Foxrock to-day at 2 o'clock.

Monkstown L.H.C.—General practice to-day, Park avenue, 3 o'clock.

BILLIARDS.

LEAD HELD BY NEWMAN.

Newman, who had finished on Tuesday with a lead of 917 in his heat of the Scratch Tournament at Piccadilly with Falkiner, retained his advantage yesterday afternoon. Both players were in excellent form, Newman averaging 111, and Falkiner 102, Newman only increased his unfinished 314 to 341, but subsequently made breaks of 366, 179, and 67 (unfinished). Falkiner's best were 347, 117, and 143. Interval scores:—Newman, 3,333; Falkiner, 2,363.

During the evening session Newman again played fine billiards, and gave Falkiner few chances. In six completed innings Newman collected 667 points, averaging 111. He made breaks of 470 (from 67 unfinished), 142, and an unfinished item of over 60. Falkiner's only breaks of note were 192 and 158. Closing scores:—Newman, 4,000; Falkiner, 2,634.

EVEN SCORING.

Play was fairly even in this match at Leicester Square, London, yesterday, and marked by much safety play. Inman, with breaks of 73, 17, 96, and 125, retained the lead, though Smith made 294 (from 216 unfinished), 248, and 99. Interval scores:—Inman, 3,072; Smith, 2,894.

At night Smith heavily outpointed Inman, and as a result almost overhauled him. Despite his cramping tactics, Inman only scored 348 against Smith's 815, and his lead had thus shrunk to 11 points at the close. His only breaks were 112 and 98, while Smith made 124, 253, 261, 69, and 78 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Inman, 3,420; Smith, 3,409.

AIKEN'S LOST CHANCES.

Aiken and McConachy, in this match of 16,000 up, at Edinburgh, were yesterday afternoon in arrears of their sessional points. The scratch man made the better impression on his deficit with best breaks of 241, 101, and 113. Aiken was slow at taking openings, but had two three-figure breaks, 145 and 159. Interval scores:—Aiken (receives 4,000) 11,751; McConachy, 11,151.

McConachy carried his unfinished effort to 76, and followed with 78. Aiken had three nice runs of 77, 70, and 142, but the Colonial negatived these with 232 and 140 (all but 4 of the former being scored off the red). Subsequently Aiken made ground with 175 and 61 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Aiken (in play), 12,365; McConachy, 11,816.

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FOLKESTONE.

MAYHAP FAILS.

PLAYFUL'S DOUBLE EFFORT.

At one time during the morning there was every indication of a shortage of runners at Westenhanger Park, but the arrival of the "horse special," for which the time of the first race was put back fifteen minutes, completely altered the situation, and, if the racing was of little actual importance, it provided plenty of competition.

Mr. C. King, who rode his own horse, Easy, an animal of unknown pedigree, in the Novices' Steeplechase, has evidently had little experience of race riding. On being mounted in the paddock the horse dashed off through the crowd, scattering it right and left. It first broke away in the direction of Tattersall's Ring, and then the weighing-room enclosure, before finally finding its way on to the course. Easy and the odds-on King's Coat both refused the second obstacle, an open ditch, and Cresley, being the only other runner, had but to stand up in order to complete the course at his leisure.

The title of the race was rather a misnomer, for Cresley is anything but a novice; but the race was for horses that have not won more than one steeplechase since 1919, and that not of greater value than 80 sovs., so that Cresley was qualified.

That there is not a wide margin between hurdle handicap and plating form was demonstrated by the smart display of Simon's Craft in the Dover Hurdle. Mayhap was supposed to represent much better class, but he proved altogether incapable of giving 12lb. to the plater, who, however, may have owed much of his success to the very excellent judgment Fred. Rees displayed in his handling of the winner.

It is not often that a horse is pulled out twice during the same afternoon at jumping, but this was so in the case of Playful. The horse obviously requires strong handling. Ridden by Keith Piggott in the Dover Hurdle he soon carried his light pilot out; but saddled again for the Maiden Hurdle he had the advantage of a stronger horseman in Duller, which he recognised by winning very comfortably.

Jockeys' engagements for to-day include:—F. B. Rees—Top Hole and White Ronald. Butchers—Bay Malley and Leominster. Dick—Potentate. Weech—Toilet. Duller has no rides at present.

1.15—A SELLING H'CAP. 'CHASE, £100. 2 m.
Mr. W. Harris's b. g. ROCKLIGHT II., by Wax Bullet—Rock Pigeon, a, 11-5 ..L. Butchers 1
Mr. F. Ingram's BEN BRIDGE, a, 10-9 L. Rees 2
Mr. T. Rowland's SEA FRUIT, 6, 9-12 ...Lefebre 3
Also ran:—Rathleague, a, 10-13 (J. Barrett); Northbrook, 6, 10-9 (W. Clark); Flying Time, a, 11-7 (T. O'Sullivan); Terpander, a, 10-13 (A. Newey); Camp Kettle, a, 10-0 (car. 10-1) (R. Trudgill); Court Martial, a, 10-0 (F. Henly). (Winner trained by G. Butchers.)
Betting:—9 to 4 agst. ROCKLIGHT II., 7 to 2 Ben Bridge, 4 to 1 Rathleague, 6 to 1 each Northbrook and Terpander, 10 to 1 Sea Fruit or any other.
Won in a canter by eight lengths; a bad third.
The winner was bought in for 230 gns.

1.30—SEABROOK SELLING HURDLE, £100. 2 m.
Mr. W. West's br. h. FLYING BUCK, by Buckwheat, d. by Flying Hackle, 5, 12-0 F. Healy 1
Mr. A. Pole's BEDELIA, 3, 9-13 .....K. Piggott 2
Lord Denman's TOWER HILL, 3, 10-0 B. Parsons 3
Also ran:—Blueground, a, 12-7 (S. B. Bletsoe); Sunny Morn, 6, 12-3 (H. Smyth); Evan, a, 12-3 (L. Butchers); Sober Wisdom, 5, 12-0 (L. Rees); Chaplain, a, 11-10 (F. Fitton); Turmeric, 3, 10-0 (I. Morgan); Henri Martin, 3, 9-9 (J. Gray); Suicide, 3, 10-0 (D. Dick). (Winner trained by Goby.)
Betting:—9 to 4 agst. Sober Wisdom, 7 to 2 Bedelia, 4 to 1 Turmeric, 6 to 1 each Sunny Morn and Blue Ground, 7 to 1 Evan, 100 to 8 each FLYING BUCK, Tower Hill, or any other.
Won by half a length; three lengths separated second and third.
The winner was sold to Mr. Herzler for 150 gns.

2.0—NOVICES' 'CHASE, £90. 2 m.
Mr. E. Pease's b. h. CRESLEY, by Atlas—Rosleagh, a, 11-12 ....C. Kelly 1
Also ran:—Easy, a, 11-12 (car. 12-2) (Owner); King's Coat, a, 11-12 (Freemantle). (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting:—11 to 8 on King's Coat, 6 to 4 agst. CRESLEY, 100 to 8 Easy.
Cresley ran the greater part of the course alone. Easy and King's Coat refused at the second fence.

2.30—DOVER H'CAP. HURDLE, £125. 2 m.
Mr. T. Edge's ch. g. SIMON'S CRAFT, by Songcroft—Simonia, 5, 11-0 ....F. Rees 1
Mr. J. Coltman's MAYHAP, a, 11-12 L. Butchers 2
Mr. S. Wootton's MUSCADIN, 4, 9-13 ...Pellerin 3
Also ran:—Ravello, a, 11-11 (H. Smyth); Flying Simon, a, 11-7 (Dick); Green Lane, a, 11-7 (Fitton); Zuider Zee, a, 11-6 (L. Rees); Rocksplit, a, 10-13 (T. O'Sullivan); Greenmount, a, 10-13 (Costello); Caplan, 4, 10-12 (Trudgill); Jolly Roger, 4, 10-5 (Duller); Playful, 4, 9-9 (K. Piggott). (Winner trained by G. Poole.)
Betting:—6 to 4 agst. Mayhap, 4 to 1 Jolly Roger, 5 to 1 Muscadin, 8 to 1 each Flying Simon and SIMON'S CRAFT, 10 to 1 each Ravello and Playful, 100 to 7 bar seven.
Won by half a length; a neck separated second and third.

3.0—RAMSGATE H'CAP. 'CHASE, £100. 3 m. 1 f.
Mrs. J. Putnam's b. g. VICO, by Outbreak—Helen Fenton, a, 10-12 ....R. Burford 1
Mrs. G. Needham's JOHN CHEEK, a, 10-5 R. Wheeler 2
Also ran:—Little Revenge, 6, 9-11 (A. Carroll); Tara, a, 11-11 (H. B. Bletsoe); Hookwood, 6, 11-8 (M. Tighe). (Winner trained by D. Rogers.)
Betting:—9 to 4 agst. VICO and John Cheek, 5 to 2 Hookwood, 6 to 1 Little Revenge, 10 to 1 Tara.
Won by 15 lengths. The others fell.

3.25—MAIDEN HURDLE, £85. 2 m.
Capt. Renton's b. h. PLAYFUL, by Sodoman—Lelia McDonald, 5, 12-0 ....Duller 1
Mr. H. Miller's CATSKIN, 4, 12-3 ..F. McCabe 2
Mr G. Eastman's BUSY JOAN, 5, 10-7 R. Smyth 3
Also ran:—Sundry Bets, 4, 11-10 (F. Rees); Louvoca, a, 11-5 (Owner); Valentine VI., 6, 11-9 (H. Hatt); Johnny Syme, 4, 11-10 (Isaac Morgan). (Winner trained by Killalee.)
Betting:—5 to 4 on Catskin, 4 to 1 agst. PLAYFUL, 6 to 1 Sundry Bets, 8 to 1 each Johnny Syme and Busy Joan, 20 to 1 bar five.
Won by 10 lengths; three lengths separated second and third.

FANCIES AND RUNNERS.

The racing witnessed yesterday was not up to a very high standard, and I cannot discern prospects of much improvement to-day, when but one race will be worth 100 sovs. net to the winner. Of the horses stabled on the course many ran yesterday and may not be asked for a second effort. I append selections:—

Guildhall Steeplechase—**Raeburn's Glass.**
Selling Hurdle—**Flying Winkfield.**
Deal Steeplechase—**Top Hole.**
Amateur Riders' Hurdle—**Poole's selected.**
Otterpool Steeplechase—**The Fly III.**
Juvenile Hurdle—**Abbey Island or Toilet.**

1.0—GUILDHALL SELLING 'CHASE, £100. Second £5. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
NORTHBROOK (£50) (Mr. D. Faber) ..Hatt	6	11	10
SIR EYRE (£50) (Mrs. N. Brownlee)..Batho	a	11	5
BEN BRIDGE (£50) (Mr. F. Ingram)..Poole	a	11	5
(The above have arrived.)			
WHISTON (Mr. J. Pendarves)......Pendarves	a	12	3
RAEBURN'S GLASS (Mr. E. Holley)..Holley	a	12	3
RUSHYFORD (£50) (Mr. H. Collins) Bennett	a	11	10
TIM (£50) (Mr. B. Fitch)..............Poole	a	11	10
GROVE (£50) (Mr. A. Hargreaves)..Private	6	11	5

1.30—SELLING H'CAP HURDLE, £100. Second £5. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
BLUEGROUND (Mr. C. Masters) ...Bletsoe	a	12	7
FLYING WINKFIELD (Mr. Wilson) Hatt	a	12	3
JACK OF LENT (Mr. L. Lysaght) ...Escott	5	11	2
FLYING BUCK (Mr. W. West) ....Goby	5	11	1
GLANCE (Mr. R. Mealings) .... Newey	4	10	13
CORMAC (Mr. S. Mercer) ....Killalee	a	10	8
BEDPLATE (Mr. J. Pendarves) ...Pendarves	6	10	5
HOME SCREECH (Mr. T. Whitney) Bowen	a	10	0
(The above have arrived.)			
BEST SURPRISE (Mr. P. Savill) ......Law	6	11	12
GLATZ (Mr. J. Lynch) ....Hammond	a	11	7
RATHCORE (inc. 7lb.) (Mr. J. Ivall) Bennett	a	12	0
SIMON'S GLORY (Mrs. C. Jickling) ...Kemp	5	11	6
COMPLIMENT (Mrs. N. Brownlee) ...Batho	4	11	5
LADY RISCA (Mrs. M. Jones) ......Bowen	4	11	3
SON O' MELTON (Mr. Butchers) Butchers	a	11	2
ARCHIE'S LASS (Mr. G. Knight) ..Private	a	11	0
HIGHTIME (Mr. C. Stewart) .....Woodman	5	10	13
HIGH BELLS (Mr. E. Hardiman) C. Young	a	10	12
YANKEE PRO (Mr. J. Ivall) ......C. Young	a	10	10
ARDENIAN (Mr. W. West) ....Goby	a	10	10
POTENTATE (Mr. J. E. Potter) ...Wootton	5	10	10
BEHAVE (Mr. T. Walton) ....Hanley	4	10	9
BOYNE WATER (Mr. J. V. Rank) ...Turner	5	10	8
O. MAN (Mr. M. Reardon) ......M. Reardon	a	10	7
HALF SIGHT (Mr. A. Law) ....Law	6	10	7
LADY CHARITY (Mr. M. Dollar) ......Riste	4	10	7
GLENFINNAN (Mr. M. Rhodes) E. Martin	5	10	5
LEOMINSTER (Mr. H. Swain) ......Private	4	10	4
SPEEDY CUT (Mr. T. Rowland) ...Hammond	a	10	2
THE RUB (Mr. S. Broadhurst) ......Bickley	6	10	1
BOX WALLAH (Mr. Gingley) ....Riste	6	10	0

2.0—DEAL H'CAP 'CHASE, £125. Second £10, third £5. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
JOHN CHEEK (Mrs. G. Needham)....Young	a	10	10
(The above has arrived.)			
SQUARE DANCE (Mr. H. Curtis)......Poole	a	12	7
TOP HOLE (Mr. T. Edge)..............Poole	a	12	0
GREENOGUE (Mr. S. Mercer)........Killalee	a	11	5
BALLYSAX (Mrs. J. Putnam).....D. Rogers	a	11	0
BORDER DON (Mr. H. Green)........McKie	a	10	12
KYLESTROME (Mr. J. Burgess)....C. Young	6	10	7
TURNING POINT (Mr. E. Clark)......Savil	6	10	7

2.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' H'CAP HURDLE, £95. Second £10. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
MAYHAP (Mr. J. Coltman)..........Butchers	a	11	12
CRESLEY (Mr. E. Pease) ....Private	a	11	8
CAPLAN (Mr. J. Emerson)..............Law	4	10	13
CHANCELLOR II. (Mr. J. Pendarves) Pendarves	a	10	10
(The above have arrived.)			
HALBERDIER (Ld. Denman)....Nightingall	5	13	9
CHUBB (Maj. W. Buller)..........Verschoyle	6	12	7
LOUVOCA (Mr. M. Roddick)...........Private	a	12	7
ULLESKELF (Mr. H. Stewart)...........Poole	5	11	12
BE THERE (Mr. R. Hartley).......C. Young	6	11	11
ROYAL RAIDER (Mr. E. Holley)......Holley	5	11	11
LINGGI'S BOY (Mr. W. Richardson)....Goby	5	11	11
WHITE RONALD (Mr. S. Dennis)......Poole	a	11	9
KENWORTHY (Mr. H. Graham)........Private	[illegible]	11	7
POLYTART (Capt. Renton)...........Killalee	6	11	7
PATLANDER (Mr. C. Kinderman-Walker) Woodland	a	11	4
HUONORA (Mr. P. Shaw)............Bennett	5	11	1
SCOTTISH KNIGHT (Mrs. E. Brock) Young	5	11	0
MACBETH (Capt. E. Stock)...............Stock	4	10	11
APELLANT (Mr. H. Broadbent) ....Poole	6	10	10
BURBERRY (Mr. T. Hartigan)..........Goby	4	10	10
PAVOT (Capt. D. Rogers)..........D. Rogers	3	10	10

3.0—OTTERPOOL 'CHASE, £100. Second £10, third £5. 3 m. and about 1 f.

	Age	st.	lb.
THE FLY III. (Mr. E. Holley) ......Holley	a	12	3
SILKEN PRINCE (Maj. Hornby) D. Rogers	a	11	10
ST. SWIFT (Mr. D. Faber) ....Hatt	a	11	10
FLYING TIME (Mr. F. Ingram) .....Poole	a	11	3
(The above have arrived.)			
COTHILL (Mr. D. Faber) ....Hatt	a	12	3
CHARLBURY (Ld. Denman).........Private	a	12	3
MARCOGLASS (Mr. G. H. James) ...Stock	6	11	3
EVERYMAN (Maj. D. Davies) ....Poole	a	11	3
PUBLIC BENEFIT (Mr. Thurlow) Bennett	5	10	12
BLIZZARD (Capt. T. McDougall) ..Private	5	10	12

3.25—JUVENILE HURDLE, £80. Second £5. 1½ m.

	st.	lb.
BEDELIA (Mr. A. Pole) ....E. Piggott	11	1
SUICIDE (Mr. E. Thomas) ....Private	10	5
(The above have arrived.)		

RUGBY.

MONKSTOWN'S TOUR ENDS.

INSTONIANS DEFEATED.

Monkstown	3
Instonians	0

Monkstown concluded their Northern tour yesterday by defeating Instonians by 1 try to nil. The slippery ground and the high wind greatly militated against a fast, open game, and the ball seldom went across the three-quarter line. In the first half Instonians, playing with the wind, failed to take advantage of their chances, and although T. Hewitt and R. Stanfield were both almost over the interval arrived with no score.

The forwards monopolised the play for some time in the second half, and Cross and Mather in turn made strong efforts to pierce the defence. The light Instonian pack, however, kept their opponents defending. The only score of the match came from a rather wild pass by McDowell, which was snapped up by McCaldin. This player, when tackled by Gilbert the Instonian full, passed to Thompson, who raced over from nearly half-way. The effort to secure the additional points failed. Instonians had more of the play, but the Monkstown backs were the speedier. Result:—
Monkstown—1 try (3 points).
Instonians—Nil.

Wanderers' Schoolboys.—Davison; Malcolm, Smellie, Moposlitz, Crozier; Aylward, Willis; Davies, Dowds, Dowds, Dockrell, Jackson, Manders, Robertson, Sanderson.

SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH.
Clontarf v. Wanderers at Castle avenue, 2.30.

HUNTING.

WESTMEATH HOUNDS.

EXCELLENT SPORT.

Some good sport has come Mr. Hope-Johnstone's way lately. On Wednesday, 21st, from Mr. Reynell's gorse at Jeffrystown a fox was run a couple of miles, when it got to ground at Fennor. It was forced out, and ran fast by Clonlost and Turin, back to Jeffrystown, where it got to ground.

On Friday there was an excellent run of thirty minutes from Killare, which resulted in a kill in the open. Mr. Roche, the owner of the covert, is a good fox-preserver. The line was by Neal's gorse, Killeenbrack, and Mosstown, with stone walls and good going all the way. The kill was effected at Lisnagree, not far from Streamstown.

Monday provided sport in a big bank country, which was free from wire. A fox was found in Mount Murray, and ran over Frewen Hill to Portloman, over the Johnstown road, and into Sonna. It was a very fast 25 minutes' sport up to this, when hounds then carried a line slowly through Sonna, but a storm of wind and rain put an end to further pursuit.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 31st	Donaghmore Cross-roads	1.30

THE MEATH.

To-day	Dunmoe	11.0
To-morrow	Dunsany	11.0

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Ballysax	11.0

WESTMEATH HOUNDS. — January—Tuesday, 3rd, Moyvoughley; Thursday, 5th, Delvin; Saturday, 7th, Glascorn Cross Roads; Monday, 9th, Castletown village; Wednesday, 11th, Collinstown; Friday, 13th, Cat and Mouse; Monday, 16th, Streamstown; Wednesday, 18th, Tullaghan; Friday, 20th, Multyfarnham; Monday, 23rd, Loughnavalley; Wednesday, 25th, Crookedwood; Friday, 27th, Ballinagore; Monday, 30th, Gaybrook. Meet at 11 o'clock.

HUNTING BOOT AND LEGGING MAKER. L. J. Watkins, 77 Dame street. —(Advt.)

GOLF.

BRAY.—The 24th annual general meeting was held on the 17th inst. The President, Sir Stanley H. Cochrane, was in the chair, and there was a very good attendance of members. The report and statement of accounts, which showed that the club had had a very successful year, were adopted, and the following officers were declared elected:—Captain, J. L. Murphy; Committee—Messrs. A. T. Newsom, R. P. Pim, Dr. Hanson, R. G. Warren, Brigadier-General Cockburn, P. H. McCarthy, J. G. Fishbourne, T. P. Watts, J. E. McCormick, Dr. Kaverty, J. W. Reigh, S. J. Shannon, R. A. Calvin, Plunkett Kenny, and H. B. Molony; Honorary Auditors—F. C. Hornsby and R. A. Calvin. Some amendments to the rules were adopted, and the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman.

In the match between the Captain's and Secretary's teams the former were the winners by two matches. A dinner for the teams in the club house concluded the day. For the 9 hole bogey sweep on St. Stephen's Day 57 cards were taken out. Winners—W. J. Haslam and T. N. Gannon tied with 1 up. Saturday, 31st December, Crosbie Cup, strokes.

ROYAL CO. DOWN.—There was a large entry in the Christmas stroke competition at Newcastle, which was won by H. E. Reade (plus 2), 88. The other leading cards returned were:—A. Watson (5), 90; J. C. Browning (12), 90; A. Lowe (plus 1), 93; W. J. Ludlow (12), 93; P. T. Crymble (2), 94; S. R. Wilson (5), 98; J. P. Ewing (14), 99, and Capt. A. J. A. Pollock (12), 105. J. C. Browning won the tie for the monthly medal, defeating S. R. Wilson.

MALAHIDE (LADIES' BRANCH).—3rd January 1922, monthly medal, 18 holes, strokes.

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SWIMMING.

SANDYCOVE CHRISTMAS DAY RACE.

Favoured with brilliant sunshine, the club's race was held on Christmas Day before an immense crowd of friends, and after a keen contest, was won by M. Hickey, with W. FitzHugh second, and C. Kenna third. Also competed—L. Tozer, F. Cox, C. Fagan, K. Schorman, P. J. O'Neill, A. Dormer, A. D. Egan, T. D. Egan, E. Carroll, and P. Stuart. Dr. J. Beckett kindly acted as starter.

FRENCH CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT

PARIS, Tuesday.

For the third consecutive year Georges Pouilley, the French Champion, won the international Christmas Day race across the Seine.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Twenty-seven French horses have been sent to run at the Algiers winter meeting.

The stallion, Aleppo, purchased in England by Mons. M. Grisard, has arrived at the Rochette Stud, Chaudfontaine.

M. F. Brugmann heads the list of Belgian owners over jumps with 156,587fr., followed by Baron J. de Crawnez with 130,129fr., and M. J. Van Staile, 98,941fr.

It is stated that at the January meeting of the National Hunt Committee the members will be asked to consider proposals for the introduction of the draw for places at the starting post, as is in vogue at flat race meetings.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Newbury Meeting:—Lambourne 'Chase—Music Hall. Andover 'Chase—Magic Maid and Catamaran. Juvenile Hurdle—The Winter King. Didcot Hurdle—St. Elol. Berkshire Hurdle—Fantastical.

Manchester Meeting:—Castle Selling Hurdle—Lama of Tibet. Chorlton Hurdle—Perry Hill. Peel Park Selling Hurdle—Ceriosa. Stand Hurdle—Zarane.

Miscellaneous:—Warrington Hurdle, Haydock—Walton's Choice. January 'Chase, Haydock—Habtoor. Dover Hurdle, Folkestone—Court Bleddyn. Prince of Wales's Stakes, Kempton—Rosemount.

All engagements in races for which there is a declaration of forfeit—Union Jack and Katerfelto. All engagements in Mr. A. F. Basset's name—Glory. All engagements under Rules of Racing—Gay Harry. All published handicaps—What Luck. All engagements—Primrose Mint and Squire Erlegh.

Front Line should not have been included in the list of scratchings in the *Calendar* of December 15 as struck out of the Victory Hurdle Race, Manchester, January 3, and the Winter Hurdle Handicap, Lingfield.

METROPOLITAN (BALDOYLE) RACES,
MONDAY NEXT, 2nd JANUARY.
FIRST RACE 1 O'CLOCK.
MEMBERS' BADGES FOR 1922
Are now obtainable from Mr. B. M'K. Waters, 63 Dawson street, Dublin.
"A" BADGE, £5, Admits One Gentleman.
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	st.	lb.
TORY ISLAND (Mr. D. Benjamin) ..C. Young	10	9
CARE FREE (Mr. J. Hutton) ....Poole	10	9
WOODSIDE LAD (Mr. R. Jeffery) ....Hackett	10	9
KNIGHT TEMPLAR (Mr. W. Dixon)....Lines	10	9
ABBEY ISLAND (Mrs. C. Stevens) ..Bennett	10	9
HAWKSHEAD (Lady Torrington)....Woodland	10	5
EAGER ANN (Mr. M. Hanley) ....Hanley	10	9
FIRST GRADE (Mr. H. Boam) ....O. Bell	10	8
BAY MALLEY (Col. Sir T. Brinckman) Butchers	10	5
CHICKEN BROTH (Mrs. N. Brownlee)..Batho	10	9
MARCH ROSEMARY (Mr. H. Carlill) ..Stock	10	5
READING (Mr. F. Cootle) ....Donnelly	10	5
TAPPIT HEN (Mr. B. Emanuel) ....Duller	10	5
BLACKIE (Mrs. C. Jickling) ....Kemp	10	5
KALLO (Mr. A. Wallis) ....Private	10	5
TOPICAL CHARLIE (Sir S. Watt) ..F. Hunt	10	5
AIR QUEEN (Mr. T. Morris) ....Smyth	10	5
CASTIGLIONE (Mr. E. Goby) ....Goby	10	5
WATER GOD (Mr. M. Hartigan) M. Hartigan	10	5
TOILET (Mr. M. Honestman) ....Smyth	10	5
HIGHSTAR (Mr. F. Hunt) ....F. Hunt	10	5
RESILIENT (Mr. G. Stone) ....Hammond	10	5

ADDITIONAL ARRIVALS.—Bedelia, Bedplate, Ben Bridge, Blueground, Capenu, Cormac, Cresley, The Fly III., Flying Buck, Flying Time, Flying Winkfield, Glance, Home Screech, John Cheek, Lady Risca, Mayhap, Northbrook, Rathleague, St. Swift, Sir Eyre, and Suicide. Horses from Lewes, Epsom, and other South country stables will be sent this morning.

COURSING.

MASSEREENE PARK MEETING.

SOUTHERN DOGS RUN WELL.

Judge—Mr. Walsh. Slipper—R. J. Redmond.

ALDERGROVE STAKES—For 22 bitch puppies. Winner, £27 10/-; second, £12 10/-; third, £7 10/-; three dogs, £2 10/- each.
Mr. Mussen's Miss Georgie (late Cheerful Dawn) beat Mr. Garvin's Gazelle.
Messrs. McAlinden's Gymnastic won, Mr. McKee's Panopticon disqualified.
Mr. Shaw's Shanganagh Lass beat Mr. O'Loughlan's Maid of Donacloney.
Mr. Donegan's Damall a bye, Mr. Ferguson's Fancy Betty absent.
Mr. Garvin's Heedless Nell beat Messrs. McAlinden's Flowing Tide.
Mr. Shaw's Sweet Cloraine beat Mr. McKee ns. Warren Lass.
Mr. Ryan's Ratholeigh beat Mr. Irvine's Pardon Me.
Mr. McGrath's Forgive beat Mr. Barrett's Belfast Warbler.
Mr. Duffy ns. Mourne Fly a bye, Mr. Bailey's Clara II. absent.
Mr. McCurdy's Queen Anne II. beat Mr. Caruth ns. Molly Ban II.
Mr. McConnell's Sugar Cane (late Somebody's Darling) beat Mr. O'Mahoney's Senhora
SECOND ROUND.
Miss Georgie beat Gymnastic.
Damall beat Shanganagh Lass.
Heedless Nell beat Sweet Cloraine.
Ratholeigh beat Forgive.
Queen Anne II. beat Mourne Fly.
Sugar Cane a bye.

BALLYCRAIGY STAKES AND WEIR CHALLENGE CUP—For 26 dog puppies. Winner, £22 and Cup; second, £15; third, £7 10/-; four dogs, £2 10/- each.
Mr. McCurdy ns. Scotsman II. beat Mr. Ballance's Harmonicon II.
Mr. McGarry's Johneen beat Mr. McConnell's Colonel Ricardo.
Mr. Connolly's Craftsman beat Mr. Barrett's Belfast Wrangler.
Mr. Fraser's Ulster King a bye, Mr. Duffy ns. Royal Cotton absent.
Mr. Sullivan's Strange Times beat Mr. McCurdy's Flying George II.
Mr. McDermott's The MacDermott beat Mr. Ballance's Bannockburn.
Mr. Garvin ns. Black Eagle a bye, Mr. Ferguson's Fancy Again absent.
Mr. Shaw's Stranmillis beat Mr. O'Hara ns. Ocean Liner II.
Mr. H. Barr's Idle Topsy beat Mr. Calvert's Called Again.
Mr. McAlinden's Giant beat Mr. McEntaggart ns. One of the Mob.
Mr. Fraser's Silver King II. beat Mr. Shaw's Sprucefield.
Mr. Shaw's Strandtown beat Mr. Mussen's Man of Man (late Swords Volunteer).
Mr. Birchley ns. Kilumney beat Mr. Dowling's Mountain Boy IX.

LOUGH NEAGH STAKES AND CROMAC CHALLENGE CUP—For 17 all ages. Winner, £20 and Cup; second, £10; third, £6; five dogs, £3 each.
Mr. Doyle's Determined Display beat Mr. Mussen's Mistake.
Mr. Harte's Hidden Talent beat Mr. Donegan's Dam Fast.
Mr. Sullivan's Strange Light beat Mr. Barrett's Belfast Wasp.
Mr. Mussen's Missing Money beat Mr. Maxwell's Saint Field.
Mr. Agnew's Free Gift XI. beat Messrs. McAlinden's Great Northern.
Mr. Harte's Hidden Joke beat Mr. Shaw's Shane's Castle.
Mr. Shaw's Lady Lisburn beat Mr. Calvert's Call Over the Card (late Son of a Gun).
Mr. Crawford's Conundrum beat Mr. Shaw's Sweet Land.
Mr. Barnett's Belfast Wonder, a bye.

BALLINDERRY STAKE—For 31 all-ages (maidens). Winner £32, second £14, four dogs £4 each.
Mr. Doyle's Decisive Display beat Mr. M'Fall's Try no More.
Mr. M'Grath's Massereene Arms beat Mr. M'Fall's Baron's Pride.
Mr. Doyle's Delightful Decision beat Mr. Ballance's Banby Boy II.
Mr. Picken's Dark River beat Mr. M'Garry's Kinure.
Mr. M'Grath's Man of Moon beat Mr. Irvine's Sea Rock.
Mr. Bell's Tut Tut (late Crossgar Fancy) beat Mr. Kissock's Young Mintford.
Mr. Shaw's Shirean beat Mr. M'Cracken ns. Full Sail.
Mr. Glen's Glad Neck II. beat Mr. Kelly's Not Out.
Mr. Buckley ns. Clashanure beat Mr. Stewart's Young Badger.
Mr. Kissock ns. Bonny Dewdrop, a bye; Mr. Garrett's Belfast Wafer, absent.
Mr. Vaughan's Genestica beat Mr. Kenny's Little Eva II. (late Clasp).
Mr. Hogg's Encore Aga beat Mr. Winnington ns. Belfast Workhouse.
Mr. Edmiston ns. Glad Eye beat Mr. Kendall ns. French Lady (I).
Mr. Rea's Earl's Rose beat Mr. J. M'Ardle's Grey Mary.
Mr. P. O'Mahony ns. Nanna's Darling beat Mr. J. Graham's Rockview Lass.
Mr. J. Shields' Gate End, a bye.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

Sunshine, rain, sleet, and snow, with little of the former, alternated at Massereene Park to-day, and, to make matters worse, a strong, bitterly cold wind swept in from the Lough. The conditions were really miserable, and no one was sorry when the bitch puppy stakes having been run down twice, a halt was called in failing light. The proceedings, too, dragged a lot in the early afternoon; but, taken on the whole, the sport was better than what we have been accustomed to here. With the weather more favourable, it would certainly have been a very enjoyable outing, for the hares, on the average, stood up right well.

The holder of the Cromac Cup, Mr. T. Harte, was doubly represented, by Hidden Talent and Hidden Joke, in the Lough Neagh Stakes, and with this smart pair he holds a strong hand. The first-named got away none too well from slips, but his pace stood to him to such an extent that he was able to lead the speedy Damfast some three lengths. Hidden Joke, which is in the other half to his kennel companion, did well to go up in front of Shane's Castle. This puppy of Mr. Harte's has already distinguished himself at Kilmoganny and Freshford, and so far has won eleven out of twelve courses. Lady Lismore, who will represent Mr. Shaw in the Irish Cup, gave quite a stylish display against Call Over the Card, and Missing Money did nothing wrong, but the issue seems to be between Mr. Harte's pair and Lady Lisburn. The bitch puppies were a very moderate lot, with the exception of Damall and Ratholeigh, the latter of which ran up at Mourne Park. They will likely go further, but Heedless Nell may take some stopping. We were not greatly impressed by the dog puppies either, but Strange Times, Stranmillis, Giant, and Kilumey seemed to go fastest.

WESTMEATH (MULLINGAR) MEETING.

Judge—Mr. Murphy. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

THE GREENPARK STAKES—For 16 puppies, at £3 each. Winner, £30; second, £12; two dogs, £3 each.
Mr. C. Lennon's Flying Column IV. beat Mr. P. Barlow's Blackburn.
Mr. J. E. Wallace ns. I'm Telling You beat Mr. P. Weir's Garraneu.
Mr. M. Mullally's Companion beat Mr. T. H. Taylor's Town Tenant.
Mr. M. Ryan's Shaun Spadah II. beat Mr. T. Farrelly's Nubristy.
Master R. S. Kilgarriff's Knight of Mayfield (late Martial Order) beat Mr. T. H. Taylor's Town Talk VI.
Mr. J. Duncan's Mullingar IV. beat Mr. J. Graham's Dr. Byrne.
Mr. P. J. Cunningham's Flying Plot beat Mr. M. Staunton's Gentle Kitty.
Mr. L. Russell's Clonakilty beat Mr. J. J. Cully's Connoisseur.
Second Round—Flying Column IV. beat I'm Telling You; Companion beat Shaun Spadah II.; Mullingar IV. beat Knight of Mayfield; Flying Plot beat Clonakilty.
Third Round—Flying Column IV. beat Companion; Mullingar IV. beat Flying Plot.
Deciding Course—R. f. d. Flying Column IV. (Lord Protector—Kitty Larkin) beat bd. b. Mullingar IV. (Harmonicon—Morning Dew).

THE JAMESTOWN STAKES—For 14 all-ages, at £4 each. Winner, £36; second, £12; two dogs, £4 each.
Mr. M. Mullally's Fainne an Lae beat Mr. M. Fitzsimons' Black Meadow.
Mr. J. Kelly's Ballymakeegan Rebel beat Mr. P. J. Stafford's Scrummager.
Mr. J. Clyne's Aughafoda beat Mr. M. A. Carney's Choice Ally.
Mr. M. O'Beirne's Rathcroghan beat Mr. J. Bannon's Flaxmore.
Mr. M. Lynch's Legnacarra beat Mr. P. Weir's Flying Susan.
Mr. L. D. Kiernan's Walls of Limerick II. beat Mr. Jas. Lynch ns. No Change.
Mr. T. A. Finlay's Cathal beat Mr. T. Farrelly ns. Bonnie Dawn.
Second Round—Ballymakeegan Rebel beat Fainne an Lae; Aughafoda beat Rathcrogan; Legnacona beat Walls of Limerick II.; Cathal, a bye.
Third Round—Ballymakeegan Rebel a bye, Aughafoda drawn; Legnacona beat Cathal.
Stakes divided between bd. d. Ballymakeegan Rebel (Heasman—Cinderella XV.) and r. f. d. Legnacona (Victorious Ally—San Seri).

THE KENNY STAKES—For 16 all-ages (maidens) at £2 10/- each. Winner, £25; second, £10; two dogs, £2 10/- each.
Mr. P. Coffey's Colleen Oge beat Mr. L. Leech ns. Wasp XIII.
Mr. J. E. Wallace ns. Miss Hilda beat Mr. T. Killian (jun.) ns. Enchanted Earl.
Mr. John Glennon's Wild Flower VII. beat Mr. M. Connolly's Hands Up VI.
Mr. P. Weir's Harmony Rover beat Mr. M. Doherty's Mawgoory.
Mr. J. J. McWalter's Connaught Man beat Mr. C. J. Colgan ns. Lost Thought (late Homeward Bound III.).
Mr. C. Whelehan ns. Kilmore Boy beat Mr. J. Hevey ns. Taughmon Castle.
Mr. A. Dunne's Just One beat Mr. J. Stone's Joy Gift.
Mr. B. Stephenson's Count Two beat Mr. M. Mullally's Corduroy.
Second Round—Miss Hilda beat Colleen Oge; Wild Flower VII. beat Harmony Rover; Connaught Man beat Kilmore Boy; Count Two beat Just One.
Third Round—Miss Hilda beat Wild Flower VII.; Count Two beat Connaught Man.
Deciding Course—F. b. Miss Hilda (Idler—Acushla II.) beat bd. d. Count Two (Heasman—Cinderella XV.).

BOYNE VALLEY MEETING.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.

CHRISTMAS STAKES—For 8 puppies.
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Mr. J. Finnegan's Knockmark beat Mr. L. Farrelly's Furze Hill.
Mr. T. M'Loughlin's Gainstown beat Mr. C. Mahon's General Farrier.
SECOND ROUND.—Millar's Pride beat Seaghan MacDermaid.
Stakes divided.
FOLLISTOWN STAKES—For 6 all-ages.
Mr. J. Moore's Village Blacksmith beat Mr. N. Smith's Royal Meath III.
Mr. M. Davitt's Fond Desire beat Mr. V. J. Roantree's Dart.
Mr. M. Davitt's Quite Alright beat Mr. J. Moore's Pearl White.
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COMMITTEE'S WORK.

The Battle Exploit Memorials Committee have now registered 154 claims by various units to erect memorials in commemoration of actions or exploits in the war. The most recent are those of the 15th Division (Buzancy), the 24th Division (Le Verguier), the 63rd (Naval) Division (Beaucourt sur Ancre), and the Black Watch and Cameron Highlanders (High Wood, the Somme).

The sites in respect of which these claims are registered are located as follows:—36 in Belgium, 92 in France, 9 in Gallipoli, 9 in Egypt and Palestine, 4 in Salonica, 1 in Mesopotamia, 1 in Italy, and 2 in East Africa.

In the past year the following memorials were unveiled:—12th Division, at Epehy and Arras; 36th (Ulster) Division, at Thiepval; 37th Division, at Monchy le Preux; 55th Division, at Givenchy and La Bassée, and the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment, at Bois des Buttes.

Other memorials, the creation of which has now been completed, are the following:—9th Scottish Division, at Point du Jour, Arras; 18th Division, at Trones Wood; 20th Division, at Guillemont; 25th Division, at Bailleul; two memorials to the 42nd Division, at Trescault and Bucquoy, respectively; the Tank Corps, at Pozieres; the King's Royal Rifle Corps, at Hooge, and the 1st King Edward's Horse, at Vieille Chapelle.

CO. KILDARE OUTRAGES.

TWO HOUSES AND A HALL BURNED.

During the last few days two houses and a bandroom have been burned maliciously in the vicinity of Athy.

A house at Kilberry, in which Mr. W. H. Verschoyle lived occasionally, was the first place attacked. The steward and his family awoke to find the place in flames, and just managed to escape from it. The house was destroyed.

On the following night another house in the same locality, which was occupied by a Mr. Harris and his wife was burned. This house, too, belonged to Mr. Verschoyle.

On the third night a hall that was used as a bandroom was destroyed.

The cause of these outrages is a mystery, and so far the police have made no arrests.

GALE AND HAIL.

WILD AND WINTRY WEATHER.

The weather over the greater part of the United Kingdom was very unsettled and unpleasant yesterday. After a night of heavy rain, a strong, gusty wind blew from the west, with frequent violent storms of rain and hail.

In North Wales, hailstones lay to a depth of an inch at times, and the wind attained hurricane force. A house was blown down at Swansea, in South Wales, but there were no casualties.

Travellers on English and Irish Channel crossings had very rough passages, but times were well maintained. Passenger traffic was heavy, following the Christmas holidays.

The temperature fell considerably during the afternoon, conditions for outdoor labourers on the Dublin quays being described as Arctic. The wind abated during last night, which was dry and clear, but bitterly cold. To-day's weather forecast promises less unsettled, though cold, conditions.

HEAVY RAIN IN YORKSHIRE.

A Duffield message says that an abnormal rainfall was experienced on the Yorkshire Wolds on Tuesday night.

DISFRANCHISED.

At the Mid-Antrim Revision Sessions, held in Ballymena yesterday, a long list of Sinn Fein applications for the franchise were struck out on account of the claimants not having made the statutory declaration that they were British subjects.

POLO.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB.

The annual general meeting will be held to-day at 4.30 p.m.

CRICKET.

AUSTRALIAN TEAMS' TEST.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The match between Victoria and New South Wales ended in a victory for Victoria by six wickets.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS

ARMED ROBBERS IN A DWELLINGHOUSE.

Yesterday in Dublin Police Court Mr. Collins remanded for a week Edward Foran, of Dean's Grange, who is charged with having conspired with others to commit robbery by force and violence, and with having on the night of the 14th inst, with other armed men, "held up" and robbed Mr. Walter Webster at his residence, New Park Lodge, Stillorgan. It was stated that jewellery to the value of about £150, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Webster, had been taken, and that visitors in the house at the time had been robbed of various sums of money by the raiders, one of whom stood as guard at the dining-room door, with a rifle in his hand, while the money and jewellery were being taken.

TRIPPED AND BEATEN.—Fined one pound and ordered to give bail to keep the peace for twelve months was the order made yesterday in the Dublin Police Court by Mr. Cooper, K.C., against Michael Scully, who was described as an electrician, residing at 17 Thomas Ashe street, Dublin, for having assaulted Timothy Joseph Wood, of Parliament street, on the 28th November. According to the evidence, when Wood was going towards Parliament street he was tripped up by a man at Crane lane. When knocked down he saw the defendant bending over him. The defence was an *alibi*.

HOSPITAL CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.—The Society of St. Nicholas, 3 North Temple street, Dublin, has done much good work during the Christmas season. The Children's Hospital, Temple street, the Dublin Union, and other places were visited, and Santa Claus distributed toys amongst the children. Concerts were also given. Yesterday afternoon a visit was paid to the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, where a number of the children, as well as the nursing and other staffs, were treated to an excellent vocal and musical entertainment.

PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK.—The Archdeacon of Dublin presided at a meeting on Wednesday of the Executive Committee of the Bishop of Limerick Fund. The Dean of Christ Church, hon. secretary, and the Rev. W. W. Dungan gave favourable reports of the progress of the movement. It was arranged to close the subscription list on the 31st inst. and to make the presentation in the boardroom of the A.P.C.K., 37 Dawson street, Dublin, on Friday, 6th January, at 3.30 o'clock, when the Archbishop of Dublin will preside, and will be supported by the Provost of Trinity College.

SEASHORE LIFE.—The juvenile lecture arranged for 4 o'clock this evening in the Lecture Theatre, Leinster House, Dublin, will be delivered by Professor J. Bayley Butler, M.B.E., who will choose for his subject "Rock Pools and Seashore Life." The lecturer will deal with the fascinating objects revealed by the receding tide, describing the formation of sand ripples and the various types of seaweeds occurring at different depths. He will proceed to a description of the varied forms of animal life to be found on our shores. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides and a cinematograph.

TAXATION ACCOUNT DEDUCTIONS.—A further series of letters from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, intimating deductions from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account will be submitted at the meeting of the Dublin Corporation on Monday. Of the sums deducted, £9,965 3s. 3d. is in respect of criminal injuries, £1,816 17s. 2d. in respect of payment to the Local Government Board for the second half of the local financial year ending 31st March, 1922; and £353 12s. 10d. in respect of allowance to Mr. P. J. Monks for twelve months to 1st September, 1921. Another letter from the Under Secretary states that a paying order for £29 9s. 4d., allowance for October, had been forwarded to Mr. Monks.

ULSTER.

FARMER FOUND DEAD.—Patrick Boyle, farmer and sheep dealer, Pollans, Letterkenny, was found dead on Christmas Eve in a sunken road fence near New Mills. His eyesight had been weak, and he apparently took the wrong road to his home.

FOUND DEAD IN HER HOME.—Nancy Crossan, the owner of a small farm at Woodland, Letterkenny, where she lived alone, was found dead in her house on Christmas Day by a neighbour. The cause of death was heart failure.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S DIFFICULTIES.—Mr. F. J. Lynam, County Surveyor for County Tyrone, has discharged 150 men who were employed on road work in North Tyrone. The Council has no money on hands at present.

CARRIED OFF BY UNKNOWN MEN.—Three young men named Lecky, Magee, and McNulty, who reside in the districts of Castlefin and Liscooly, were arrested by unknown men and taken away in a motor car from their homes on Tuesday. The Crown forces are inquiring into the matter.

MUNSTER.

THE NENAGH OUTRAGE.—The young man John Gill, of Dublin road, Nenagh, who was fired at on Christmas Eve by unknown persons and wounded in the leg, is progressing favourably in the local hospital.

CONNAUGHT.

COUNTY ANALYST APPOINTED.—It was stated by the clerk at a meeting of the Boyle Board of Guardians that Mr. William J. Horn, Limerick, had been appointed analyst for the County Roscommon.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS REMOVED.—All the hospital patients and inmates in Carrick-on-Shannon Workhouse are being transferred under the amalgamation scheme to the County Home and Hospital at Manorhamilton. The Fever Hospital will be retained at Carrick-on-Shannon, and the County Infirmary is being turned into a district hospital for South Leitrim.

SLIGO COUNTY EXPENDITURE.—The clerk stated at a meeting of Sligo County Council that it took £96,000 to keep the public institutions of the county going. They would be able to make a reduction of 25 per cent. in the rates next year, and if they got the grants, as they expected, the rates would be lower than ever before.

The ss. Rosabelle, which left the Liffey empty for Preston, has been obliged to return here on account of machinery trouble.

In Strabane on Wednesday hen and duck eggs fell by 9d. per dozen, and are now selling at 2s. 6d. per dozen. A further reduction is expected.

The weather has been so mild in the Strabane district that primroses are growing in the fields with other flowers. On Wednesday morning, however, snow fell heavily.

In future all County Donegal prisoners are to go to Sligo Jail, instead of Derry Jail, as heretofore, owing to the changes brought about by the Government of Ireland Act.

To-day the Girls' Friendly Society Lodge, 28 Merrion square, Dublin, will hold a devotional meeting at 2.30. Address by Rev. John Powell, M.A.

Mr. William Linton, of the Ulster Bank, Strabane, who has been promoted to Belfast, was pro-manager of Strabane branch, of which Mr. William Hay is manager.

Three men from Banagher have been arrested by the R.I.C. and lodged in Banagher Barracks for refusing to pay fines imposed for having no lights on their bicycles.

The grocery establishment of Mr. Murtagh O'Leary, Wood quay, Galway, was broken into during the Christmas holidays. Groceries and cash to the extent of about £9 were taken.

The Strabane Revision Court has held that a London resident can have a vote in respect of Irish property, and a London man was admitted to the register for property in Strabane.

At the monthly meeting of the Moira Rural District Council, Captain C. G. Thompson, V.S., Church place, Lurgan, was re-appointed Veterinary Inspector to the Council.

It is stated that a conflict took place between Crown forces and civilians in Dungarvan on Christmas Eve, and that one of the civilians received a bullet wound in the knee. The wound was not serious.

Tannaghmore Lodge (Mile House), near Lurgan, with a farm of 17 acres 2 roods 29 perches, held under the Irish Land Commission at the yearly rent of £4 1s., has been sold by public auction to Mr. Patrick Madden for £2,030.

HUDDERSFIELD TRAGEDY.

At Huddersfield yesterday, William Henry Stead, milk dealer, was remanded on a charge of wife murder. The Chief Constable said that the prisoner was found standing over his wife's body. Her throat was cut.

PRISONERS TAKEN TO DERRY.

Twenty prisoners were transferred from Belfast Jail to Londonderry Jail yesterday afternoon. The men were taken to the railway station at Belfast on two military lorries under a strong guard.

The Lyons police have arrested an alleged swindler named Oscar Zindel, who is reported to be a British subject. He is charged with having defrauded the Farmers' Loan Bank of £3,800.

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EDUCATION'S FUTURE.

"DOMINION STATUS" WANTED.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Educational Associations in London yesterday, Professor L. P. Jacks, Principal of Manchester College, Oxford, predicted that in the future education would not be a side show or an appendage of the State, but an equal partner in the community of interests. The schoolmaster of to-day would be the statesman of to-morrow, but exercising his function in a different kind of state, with wider vision, more humane spirit, and with more efficient State machinery at his disposal than now existed.

Education, they claimed, should, as the nature of its task demanded, be master in its own house, and the schoolmaster should not be the servant of the designs of politicians and economists.

In an age which had seen notable political conversions to the idea of making Ireland a Free State within the Empire, was it inconceivable to ask that responsible statesmen might one day be persuaded to entertain a proposal to give "Dominion status" to education? Why should they be alarmed were a proposal made to transfer the functions of the Education Department to the teaching community, itself enjoying "Dominion status" within that circle of interests which constituted a Commonwealth?

Education, once freed, would become an international enterprise, containing the starting point for a fraternal community of the nations of the earth.

WHITE STAR COMMODORE.

PROMOTION FOR OLYMPIC'S CAPTAIN.

The White Star line have decided to appoint a Commodore to their fleet, and the first Commander to hoist the flag—a red pennant, with a white star upon it—will be Sir Bertram Hayes, who was recently promoted to the same rank in the Royal Naval Reserve. The Commodore's colours will be flown over the well-known White Star line house flag.

Sir Bertram has been appointed to the Majestic (56,000 tons), which is scheduled to leave Southampton on May 10 on her maiden trip in the White Star line's Southampton-Cherbourg-New York service, when he will hoist his pennant for the first time. He is an outstanding figure in the British mercantile marine. At present he is the commander of the Olympic, and he held that post during the war. His services to the country during those eventful years include the sinking of at least one German submarine.

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ANGLING.

EARLY SALMON RIVERS.

The rivers everywhere are highly swollen and dirty, but the early rivers are said to have New Year salmon already in them—the Lennan, Bundrowes, Bush, Waterville, and other waters, which receive very early runs. The Bundrowes is the only one that will open to rod fishing on the 1st prox., the others remaining closed until February 1. The Bundrowes is largely in private hands.

Under rather adverse weather conditions, the North-East Ulster Angling Club held its annual Boxing Day coarse fishing competition on Toome Canal. At the weigh-in the judge, Mr. T. Smyth, assisted by Mr. F. Burnside, secretary, who acted as captain of the day, made the following awards:—1st prize and Braddell Silver Challenge Cup, Mr. John Beattie, 51 perch; 2nd, Mr. S. Forsyth, 37 fish; 3rd, Mr. T. Bill, 37 fish (this having been a tie decided by weight of catches); 4th, Mr. T. Smyth, 35 fish; 5th, Mr. William M'Connell (this also having been a tie decided by weight of catches); 6th, Mr. S. M'Ilwaine, 24 fish; 7th, Mr. J. Pringle (this also having been a tie decided by weight of catches).

HOCKEY.

LADIES' LEINSTER LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above will be held in the D.B.C., St. Stephen's Green, this evening at 5.30 sharp, to make fixtures for second round of Senior and Middle League.

WATERFORD HOLIDAY GAMES.

Two interesting matches were played in Waterford during the Christmas holidays on the Waterford Club's ground at Ballinakill. On Boxing Day the two unbeaten teams this year—Waterford and Limerick P.Y.M.C.A.—met in a friendly game. Despite the adverse weather conditions a good crowd turned out to watch the match, which was keen and exciting. Limerick won by 4 goals to nil.

On Tuesday Waterford met the 1st Devons in a friendly contest on the same ground, and the former secured victory by the narrow margin of 1 goal to nil.

Maids of the Mountain H.C.—General practice at Foxrock to-day at 2 o'clock.

Monkstown L.H.C.—General practice to-day, Park avenue, 3 o'clock.

BILLIARDS.

LEAD HELD BY NEWMAN.

Newman, who had finished on Tuesday with a lead of 917 in his heat of the Scratch Tournament at Piccadilly with Falkiner, retained his advantage yesterday afternoon. Both players were in excellent form, Newman averaging 111, and Falkiner 102. Newman only increased his unfinished 314 to 341, but subsequently made breaks of 366, 179, and 67 (unfinished). Falkiner's best were 347, 117, and 143. Interval scores:—Newman, 3,333; Falkiner, 2,363.

During the evening session Newman again played fine billiards, and gave Falkiner few chances. In six completed innings Newman collected 667 points, averaging 111. He made breaks of 470 (from 67 unfinished), 142, and an unfinished item of over 60. Falkiner's only breaks of note were 192 and 158. Closing scores:—Newman, 4,000; Falkiner, 2,634.

EVEN SCORING.

Play was fairly even in this match at Leicester Square, London, yesterday, and marked by much safety play. Inman, with breaks of 73, 17, 95, and 125, retained the lead, though Smith made 294 (from 216 unfinished), 248, and 99. Interval scores:—Inman, 3,072; Smith, 2,594.

At night Smith heavily outpointed Inman, and as a result almost overhauled him. Despite his cramping tactics, Inman only scored 348 against Smith's 815, and his lead had thus shrunk to 11 points at the close. His only breaks were 119 and 98, while Smith made 124, 253, 261, 69, and 78 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Inman, 3,420; Smith, 3,409.

AIKEN'S LOST CHANCES.

Aiken and McConachy, in this match of 16,000 up, at Edinburgh, were yesterday afternoon in arrears of their sessional points. The scratch man made the better impression on his deficit with best breaks of 241, 101, and 113. Aiken was slow at taking openings, but had two three-figure breaks, 148 and 159. Interval scores:—Aiken (receives 4,000) 11,751; McConachy, 11,151.

McConachy carried his unfinished effort to 76, and followed with 78. Aiken had three nice runs of 77, 70, and 142, but the Colonial negatived these with 232 and 140 (all but 4 of the former being scored off the red). Subsequently Aiken made ground with 175 and 61 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Aiken (in play), 12,365; McConachy, 11,816.

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FOLKESTONE.

MAYHAP FAILS.

PLAYFUL'S DOUBLE EFFORT.

At one time during the morning there was every indication of a shortage of runners at Westenhanger Park, but the arrival of the "horse special," for which the time of the first race was put back fifteen minutes, completely altered the situation, and, if the racing was of little actual importance, it provided plenty of competition.

Mr. C. King, who rode his own horse, Easy, an animal of unknown pedigree, in the Novices' Steeplechase, has evidently had little experience of race riding. On being mounted in the paddock the horse dashed off through the crowd, scattering it right and left. It first broke away in the direction of Tattersall's Ring, and then the weighing-room enclosure, before finally finding its way on to the course. Easy and the odds-on King's Coat both refused the second obstacle, an open ditch, and Cresley, being the only other runner, had but to stand up in order to complete the course at his leisure.

The title of the race was rather a misnomer, for Cresley is anything but a novice; but the race was for horses that have not won more than one steeplechase since 1919, and that not of greater value than 80 sovs., so that Cresley was qualified.

That there is not a wide margin between hurdle handicap and plating form was demonstrated by the smart display of Simon's Craft in the Dover Hurdle. Mayhap was supposed to represent much better class, but he proved altogether incapable of giving 12lb. to the plater, who, however, may have owed much of his success to the very excellent judgment Fred. Rees displayed in his handling of the winner.

It is not often that a horse is pulled out twice during the same afternoon at jumping, but this was so in the case of Playful. The horse obviously requires strong handling. Ridden by Keith Piggott in the Dover Hurdle he soon carried his light pilot out; but saddled again for the Maiden Hurdle he had the advantage of a stronger horseman in Duller, which he recognised by winning very comfortably.

Jockeys' engagements for to-day include:—F. B. Rees—Top Hole and White Ronald. Butchers—Bay Malley and Leominster. Dick—Potentate. Weech—Toilet. Duller has no rides at present.

1.15—A SELLING H'CAP. 'CHASE, £100. 2 m.
Mr. W. Harris's b. g. ROCKLIGHT II., by Wax Bullet—Rock Pigeon, a, 11-5 ..L. Butchers 1
Mr. F. Ingram's BEN BRIDGE, a, 10-9 L. Rees 2
Mr. T. Rowland's SEA FRUIT, 6, 9-12 ...Lefebre 3
Also ran:—Rathleague, a, 10-13 (J. Barrett); Northbrook, 6, 10-9 (W. Clark); Flying Time, a, 11-7 (T. O'Sullivan); Terpander, a, 10-13 (A. Newey); Camp Kettle, a, 10-0 (car. 10-1) (R. Trudgill); Court Martial, a, 10-0 (F. Henly). (Winner trained by G. Butchers.)
Betting:—9 to 4 agst. ROCKLIGHT II., 7 to 2 Ben Bridge, 4 to 1 Rathleague, 6 to 1 each Northbrook and Terpander, 10 to 1 Sea Fruit or any other.
Won in a canter by eight lengths; a bad third. The winner was bought in for 230 gns.

1.50—SEABROOK SELLING HURDLE, £100. 2 m.
Mr. W. West's br. h. FLYING BUCK, by Buckwheat, d. by Flying Hackle, 5, 12-0
F. Healy 1
Mr. A. Pole's BEDELIA, 3, 9-13 .....K. Piggott 2
Lord Denman's TOWER HILL, 3, 10-0
B. Parsons 3
Also ran:—Blueground, a, 12-7 (S. B. Bletsoe); Sunny Morn, 6, 12-3 (H. Smyth); Evan, a, 12-3 (L. Butchers); Sober Wisdom, 5, 12-0 (L. Rees); Chaplain, a, 11-10 (F. Fitton); Turmeric, 3, 10-0 (L. Morgan); Henri Martin, 3, 9-9 (J. Gray); Suicide, 3, 10-0 (D. Dick). (Winner trained by Goby.)
Betting:—9 to 4 agst. Sober Wisdom, 7 to 2 Bedelia, 4 to 1 Turmeric, 6 to 1 each Sunny Morn and Blue Ground, 7 to 1 Evan, 100 to 8 each FLYING BUCK, Tower Hill, or any other.
Won by half a length; three lengths separated second and third.
The winner was sold to Mr. Herzler for 150 gns.

2.0—NOVICES' 'CHASE, £90. 2 m.
Mr. E. Pease's b. h. CRESLEY, by Atlas—Rosleagh, a, 11-12 .....C. Kelly 1
Also ran:—Easy, a, 11-12 (car. 12-2) (Owner); King's Coat, a, 11-12 (Freemantle). (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting:—11 to 8 on King's Coat, 6 to 4 agst. CRESLEY, 100 to 8 Easy.
Cresley ran the greater part of the course alone. Easy and King's Coat refused at the second fence.

2.30—DOVER H'CAP. HURDLE, £125. 2 m.
Mr. T. Edge's ch. g. SIMON'S CRAFT, by Songcroft—Simonia, 5, 11-0 .....F. Rees 1
Mr. J. Coltman's MAYHAP, a, 11-12 L. Butchers 2
Mr. S. Wootton's MUSCADIN, 4, 9-13 ...Pellerin 3
Also ran:—Ravello, a, 11-11 (H. Smyth); Flying Simon, a, 11-7 (Dick); Green Lane, a, 11-7 (Fitton); Zuider Zee, a, 11-5 (L. Rees); Rockspilt, a, 10-13 (T. O'Sullivan); Greenmount, a, 10-13 (Costello); Caplan, 4, 10-12 (Trudgill); Jolly Roger, 4, 10-5 (Duller); Playful, 5, 9-9 (K. Piggott). (Winner trained by G. Poole.)
Betting:—6 to 4 agst. Mayhap, 4 to 1 Jolly Roger, 5 to 1 Muscadin, 8 to 1 each Flying Simon and SIMON'S CRAFT, 10 to 1 each Ravello and Playful, 100 to 7 bar seven.
Won by half a length; a neck separated second and third.

3.0—RAMSGATE H'CAP. 'CHASE, £100. 3 m. 1 f.
Mrs. J. Putnam's b. g. VICO, by Outbreak—Helen Fenton, a, 10-12 .....R. Burford 1
Mrs. G. Needham's JOHN CHEEK, a, 10-5
R. Wheeler 2
Also ran:—Little Revenge, 6, 9-11 (A. Carroll); Tara, a, 11-11 (H. B. Bletsoe); Hookwood, 6, 11-8 (M. Tighe). (Winner trained by D. Rogers.)
Betting:—9 to 4 agst. VICO and John Cheek, 5 to 2 Hookwood, 6 to 1 Little Revenge, 10 to 1 Tara.
Won by 15 lengths. The others fell.

3.25—MAIDEN HURDLE, £85. 2 m.
Capt. Renton's b. h. PLAYFUL, by Sodoman—Lelia McDonald, 5, 12-0 .....Duller 1
Mr. H. Miller's CATSKIN, 4, 12-3 ..F. McCabe 2
Mr. G. Eastman's BUSY JOAN, 3, 10-7
H. Smyth 3
Also ran:—Sundry Bets, 4, 11-10 (F. Rees); Louvoca, a, 11-9 (Owner); Valentine VI., 6, 12-9 (H. Hatt); Johnny Syme, 4, 11-10 (Isaac Morgan). (Winner trained by Killalee.)
Betting:—5 to 4 on Catskin, 4 to 1 agst. PLAYFUL, 6 to 1 Sundry Bets, 8 to 1 each Johnny Syme and Busy Joan, 20 to 1 bar five.
Won by 10 lengths; three lengths separated second and third.

FANCIES AND RUNNERS.

The racing witnessed yesterday was not up to a very high standard, and I cannot discern prospects of much improvement to-day, when but one race will be worth 100 sovs. net to the winner. Of the horses stabled on the course many ran yesterday and may not be asked for a second effort. I append selections:—

Guildhall Steeplechase—Raeburn's Glass.
Selling Hurdle—Flying Winkfield.
Deal Steeplechase—Top Hole.
Amateur Riders' Hurdle—Poole's selected.
Otterpool Steeplechase—The Fly III.
Juvenile Hurdle—Abbey Island or Toilet.

1.0—GUILDHALL SELLING 'CHASE, £100. Second £5. 2 m.

		Age	st.	lb.
NORTHBROOK (£50) (Mr. D. Faber) ..Hatt		6	11	10
SIR EYRE (£50) (Mrs. N. Brownlee)..Batho		a	11	5
BEN BRIDGE (£50) (Mr. F. Ingram)..Poole		a	11	5
(The above have arrived.)				
WHISTON (Mr. J. Pendarves) ......Pendarves		a	12	3
RAEBURN'S GLASS (Mr. E. Holley)..Holley		a	12	3
RUSHYFORD (£50) (Mr. H. Collins) Bennett		a	11	10
TIM (£50) (Mr. B. Fitch) ....Poole		a	11	10
GROVE (£50) (Mr. A. Hargreaves)..Private		6	11	5

1.30—SELLING H'CAP HURDLE, £100. Second £5. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
BLUEGROUND (Mr. C. Masters) ...Bletsoe	a	12	7
FLYING WINKFIELD (Mr. Wilson) Hatt	a	12	3
JACK OF LENT (Mr. L. Lysaght) ...Escott	5	11	2
FLYING BUCK (Mr. W. West) ....Goby	5	11	1
GLANCE (Mr. R. Mealings) ....Newey	4	10	13
CORMAC (Mr. S. Mercer) ....Killalee	a	10	8
BEDPLATE (Mr. J. Pendarves' ...Pendarves	6	10	5
HOME SCREECH (Mr. T. Whitney) Bowen	a	10	0
(The above have arrived.)			
BEST SURPRISE (Mr. P. Savill) ....Law	6	11	12
GLATZ (Mr. J. Lynch) ....Hammond	a	11	7
RATHCORE (inc. 7lb.) (Mr. J. Ivall) Bennett	a	12	0
SIMON'S GLORY (Mrs. C. Jickling) ...Kemp	5	11	6
COMPLIMENT (Mrs. N. Brownlee) ....Batho	4	11	5
LADY RISCA (Mrs. M. Jones) ....Bowen	4	11	5
SON O' MELTON (Mr. T. Butchers) Butchers	a	11	3
ARCHIE'S LASS (Mr. G. Knight) ....Private	a	11	0
CHUMTIME (Mr. C. Stewart) ....Woodman	5	10	13
HIGH BELLS (Mr. E. Hardiman) ..O. Young	a	10	10
YANKEE PRO (Mr. J. Ivall) ....C. Young	a	10	10
ARDENIAN (Mr. W. West) ....Goby	a	10	10
POTENTATE (Mr. J. E. Potter) ....Wootton	5	10	10
BEHAVE (Mr. T. Walton) ....Hanley	4	10	9
BOYNE WATER (Mr. J. V. Rank) .....Turner	5	10	8
O. MAN (Mr. M. Reardon) ....M. Reardon	a	10	7
HALF SIGHT (Mr. A. Law) ....Law	6	10	7
LADY CHARITY (Mr. M. Dollar) ....Riste	4	10	7
GLENFINNAN (Mr. M. Rhodes) E. Martin	5	10	5
LEOMINSTER (Mr. H. Swain) ....Private	4	10	5
SPEEDY CUT (Mr. T. Rowland) ....Hammond	a	10	3
THE RUB (Mr. S. Broadhurst) ....Bickley	6	10	1
BOX WALLAH (Mr. Gingley) ....Riste	6	10	0

2.0—DEAL H'CAP 'CHASE, £125. Second £10, third £5. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
JOHN CHEEK (Mrs. G. Needham)....Young	a	10	10
(The above have arrived.)			
SQUARE DANCE (Mr. H. Curtis)........Poole	a	12	7
TOP HOLE (Mr. T. Edge) ....Poole	a	12	0
GREENODE (Mr. S. Mercer) ....Killalee	a	11	5
PLAYFAX (Mrs. J. Putnam) ......D. Rogers	a	11	0
BORDER DON (Mr. H. Green) ....McKie	a	11	0
KYLESTROME (Mr. J. Burgess) ...C. Young	6	10	12
TURNING POINT (Mr. E. Clark) ....Sayill	6	10	7

2.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' H'CAP HURDLE, £95. Second £10. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
MAYHAP (Mr. J. Coltman) ....Butchers	a	11	12
CRESLEY (Mr. E. Pease) ....Private	a	11	8
CAPLAN (Mr. J. Emerson) ....Law	4	10	13
CHANCELLOR II. (Mr. J. Pendarves) Pendarves	a	10	10
(The above have arrived.)			
HALBERDIER (Ld. Denman).......Nightingall	5	12	9
CHUBB (Maj. W. Buller) ....Verschoyle	6	12	7
LOUVOCA (Mr. M. Roddick) ....Private	a	12	7
ULLESKELF (Mr. H. Stewart) ....Poole	5	11	12
BE THERE (Mr. R. Hartley) ....C. Young	6	11	11
ROYAL BADGE (Mr. E. Holley) ....Holley	5	11	11
LENG'S BOX (Mr. W. Richardson) ......Goby	5	11	11
WHITE RONALD (Mr. S. Dennis) ....Poole	a	11	9
KENWORTHY (Mr. H. Graham) ....Private	a	11	7
POLYTART (Capt. Renton) ....Killalee	6	11	7
PATLANDER (Mr. C. Kinderman-Walker) Woodland	a	11	4
HUONORA (Mr. P. Shaw) ....Bennett	5	11	1
SCOTTISH KNIGHT (Mr. E. Brock) Young	5	11	0
MACBETH (Capt. E. Stock) ....Stock	4	10	11
APELLANT (Mr. H. Broadbent) ....Poole	6	10	10
BURGHLEY (Mr. T. Hartigan) ....Goby	4	10	10
PAVOT (Capt. D. Rogers) ....D. Rogers	3	10	10

3.0—OTTERPOOL 'CHASE, £100. Second £10, third £5. 3 m. and about 1 f.

	Age	st.	lb.
THE FLY III. (Mr. E. Holley) ....Holley	a	12	3
SILKEN PRINCE (Maj. Hornby) D. Rogers	a	11	10
ST. SWIFT (Mr. D. Faber) ....Hatt	a	11	10
FLYING TIME (Mr. F. Ingram) ....Poole	a	11	3
(The above have arrived.)			
COTHILL (Mr. D. Faber) ....Hatt	a	12	3
CHARLBURY (Ld. Denman) ....Private	a	12	3
HARCOGLASS (Mr. G. H. James) ....Stock	6	11	3
EVERYMAN (Maj. D. Davies) ....Poole	a	11	3
PUBLIO BENEFIT (Mr. Thurlow) Bennett	5	10	12
BLIZZARD (Capt. T. McDougall) ......Private	5	10	12

3.25—JUVENILE HURDLE, £80. Second £5. 1½ m.

	st.	lb.
BEDELIA (Mr. A. Pole) ....E. Piggott	11	1
SUICIDE (Mr. E. Thomas) ....Private	10	5
(The above have arrived.)		

RUGBY.

MONKSTOWN'S TOUR ENDS.

INSTONIANS DEFEATED.

Monkstown 3
Instonians 0

Monkstown concluded their Northern tour yesterday by defeating Instonians by 1 try to nil. The slippery ground and the high wind greatly militated against a fast, open game, and the ball seldom went across the three-quarter line. In the first half Instonians, playing with the wind, failed to take advantage of their chances, and although T. Hewitt and R. Stanfield were both almost over the interval arrived with no score.

The forwards monopolised the play for some time in the second half, and Cross and Mather in turn made strong efforts to pierce the defence. The light Instonian pack, however, kept their opponents defending. The only score of the match came from a rather wild pass by McDowell, which was snapped up by McCaldin. This player, when tackled by Gilbert, the Instonian full, passed to Thompson, who raced over from nearly half-way. The effort to secure the additional points failed. Instonians had more of the play, but the Monkstown backs were the speedier. Result:—

Monkstown—1 try (3 points).
Instonians—Nil.

Wanderers' Schoolboys.—Davison; Malcolm, Smellie, Moposite, Crozier; Aylward, Willis; Davies, Dowds, Dowds, Dockrell, Jackson, Manders, Robertson, Sanderson.

SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH.
Clontarf v. Wanderers at Castle avenue, 2.30.

HUNTING.

WESTMEATH HOUNDS.

EXCELLENT SPORT.

Some good sport has come Mr. Hope-Johnstone's way lately. On Wednesday, 21st, from Mr. Reynell's gorse at Jeffrystown a fox was run a couple of miles, when it got to ground at Fennor. It was forced out, and ran fast by Clonlost and Turin, back to Jeffrystown, where it got to ground.

On Friday there was an excellent run of thirty minutes from Killare, which resulted in a kill in the open. Mr. Roche, the owner of the covert, is a good fox-preserver. The line was by Neal's gorse, Killeenbrack, and Mosstown, with stone walls and good going all the way. The kill was effected at Lisnagree, not far from Streamstown.

Monday provided sport in a big bank country, which was free from wire. A fox was found in Mount Murray, and ran over Frewen Hill to Portloman, over the Johnstown road, and into Sonna. It was a very fast 25 minutes' sport up to this, when hounds then carried a line slowly through Sonna, but a storm of wind and rain put an end to further pursuit.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 31st	Donaghmore Cross-roads	1.30

THE MEATH.

To-day	Dunmoe	11.0
To-morrow	Dunsany	11.0

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Ballysax	11.0

WESTMEATH HOUNDS. — January—Tuesday, 3rd, Moyvoughley; Thursday, 5th, Delvin; Saturday, 7th, Glascorn Cross Roads; Monday, 9th, Castletown village; Wednesday, 11th, Collinstown; Friday, 13th, Cat and Mouse; Monday, 16th, Streamstown; Wednesday, 18th, Tullaghan; Friday, 20th, Multyfarnham; Monday, 23rd, Loughnavalley; Wednesday, 25th, Crookedwood; Friday, 27th, Ballinagore; Monday, 30th, Gaybrook. Meet at 11 o'clock.

HUNTING BOOT AND LEGGING MAKER,
L. J. Watkins, 77 Dame street.
—(Advt.)

GOLF.

BRAY.—The 24th annual general meeting was held on the 17th inst. The President, Sir Stanley H. Cochrane, was in the chair, and there was a very good attendance of members. The report and statement of accounts, which showed that the club had had a very successful year, were adopted, and the following officers were declared elected:—Captain, J. J. L. Murphy; Committee—Messrs. A. T. Newsom, R. P. Pim, Dr. Hanson, R. G. Warren, Brigadier-General Cockburn, P. H. McCarthy, J. G. Fishbourne, T. P. Watts, J. E. McCormick, Dr. Daverly, J. W. Reigh, S. J. Shannon, R. A. Calvin, Plunkett Kenny, and H. B. Molony; Honorary Auditors—F. C. Hornsby and R. A. Calvin. Some amendments to the rules were adopted, and the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman.

In the match between the Captain's and Secretary's teams the former were the winners by two matches. A dinner for the teams in the club house concluded the day. For the 9 hole bogey sweep on St. Stephen's Day 57 cards were taken out. Winners—W. J. Haslam and T. N. Gannon tied with 1 up. Saturday, 31st December, Crosbie Cup, strokes.

ROYAL CO. DOWN.—There was a large entry in the Christmas stroke competition at Newcastle, which was won by H. E. Reade (plus 2), 88. The other leading cards returned were:—A. Watson (6), 93; J. C. Brownrigg (12), 90; A. Lowe (plus 1), 93; W. J. Ludlow (12), 93; P. T. Crymble (2), 94; S. R. Wilson (5), 96; J. F. Ewing (14), 99, and Capt. A. J. A. Pollock (12), 105. J. C. Brownrigg won the tie for the monthly medal, defeating S. R. Wilson.

MALAHIDE (LADIES' BRANCH).—3rd January 1922, monthly medal, 18 holes, strokes.

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SWIMMING.

SANDYCOVE CHRISTMAS DAY RACE.

Favoured with brilliant sunshine, the club's race was held on Christmas Day before an immense crowd of friends, and after a keen contest, was won by M. Hickey, with W. FitzHugh second, and C. Kenna third. Also competed—L. Tozer, F. Cox, C. Fagan, K. Schorman, P. J. O'Neill, A. Dormer, A. D. Egan, T. D. Egan, E. Carroll, and P. Stuart. Dr. J. Beckett kindly acted as starter.

FRENCH CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT

PARIS, Tuesday.
For the third consecutive year Georges Pouilley, the French Champion, won the international Christmas Day race across the Seine.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Twenty-seven French horses have been sent to run at the Algiers winter meeting.

The stallion, Aleppo, purchased in England by Mona. M. Grisard, has arrived at the Rochette Stud, Chaudfontaine.

M. F. Brugmann heads the list of Belgian owners over jumps with 156,587fr., followed by Baron J. de Crawnez with 130,129fr., and M. J. Van Staile, 98,941fr.

It is stated that at the January meeting of the National Hunt Committee the members will be asked to consider proposals for the introduction of the draw for places at the starting post, as is in vogue at flat race meetings.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Newbury Meeting:—Lambourne 'Chase—Music Hall. Andover 'Chase—Magic Maid and Catamaran. Juvenile Hurdle—The Winter King. Didcot Hurdle—St. Eloi. Berkshire Hurdle—Fantastical.

Manchester Meeting:—Castle Selling Hurdle—Lama of Tibet. Chorlton Hurdle—Perry Hill. Peel Park Selling Hurdle—Cerlosa. Stand Hurdle—Zarane.

Miscellaneous:—Warrington Hurdle, Haydock—Walton's Choice. January 'Chase, Haydock—Habtorf. Dover Hurdle, Folkestone—Court Bleddyn. Prince of Wales's Stakes, Kempton—Rosemount.

All engagements in races for which there is a declaration of forfeit—Union Jack and Katerfelto. All engagements in Mr. A. F. Basset's name—Glory. All engagements under Rules of Racing—Gay Harry. All published handicaps—What Luck. All engagements—Primrose Mint and Squire Erlegh.

Front Line should not have been included in the list of scratchings in the *Calendar* of December 15 as struck out of the Victory Hurdle Race, Manchester, January 3, and the Winter Hurdle Handicap, Lingfield.

METROPOLITAN (BALDOYLE) RACES,

MONDAY NEXT, 2nd JANUARY.
FIRST RACE 1 O'CLOCK.
MEMBERS' BADGES FOR 1922
Are now obtainable from Mr. R. M'K. Waters, 63 Dawson street, Dublin.
"A" BADGE, £5, Admits One Gentleman.
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TORY ISLAND (Mr. D. Benjamin) ..C. Young	10	9	
CARE FREE (Mr. J. Hutton) ....Poole	10	9	
WOODSIDE LAD (Mr. R. Jeffrey) ....Hackett	10	9	
KNIGHT TEMPLAR (Mr. W. Dixon)....Lines	10	9	
ABBEY ISLAND (Mrs. C. Stevens) ..Bennett	10	9	
HAWKSHEAD (Lady Torrington)....Woodland	10	5	
EAGER ANN (Mr. M. Hanley) ....Hanley	10	9	
FIRST GRADE (Mr. H. Boam) ....O. Bell	10	8	
BAY MALLEY (Col. Sir T. Brinckman) Butchers	10	5	
CHICKEN BROTH (Mrs. N. Brownlee)..Batho	10	9	
MARCH ROSEMARY (Mr. H. Carlill) ..Stock	10	5	
READING (Mr. F. Cortle) ....Donnelly	10	5	
TAPPIT HEN (Mr. B. Emanuel) ....Duller	10	5	
BLACKIE (Mrs. C. Jickling) ....Kemp	10	5	
KALLO (Mr. A. Wallis) ....Private	10	5	
TOPICAL CHARLIE (Sir S. Watt) ..F. Hunt	10	5	
AIR QUEEN (Mr. T. Morris) ....Smyth	10	5	
CASTIGLIONE (Mr. E. Goby) ....Goby	10	5	
WATER GOD (Mr. M. Hartigan) M. Hartigan	10	5	
TOILET (Mr. M. Honestman) ....Smyth	10	5	
HIGHSTAR (Mr. F. Hunt) ....F. Hunt	10	5	
RESILIENT (Mr. G. Stone) ....Hammond	10	5	

ADDITIONAL ARRIVALS.—Bedelia, Bedplate, Ben Bridge, Blueground, Capeau, Cormac, Cresley, The Fly III., Flying Buck, Flying Time, Flying Winkfield, Glance, Home Screech, John Cheek, Lady Risca, Mayhap, Northbrook, Rathleague, St. Swift, Sir Eyre, and Suicide. Horses from Lewes, Epsom, and other South country stables will be sent this morning.

COURSING.

MASSEREENE PARK MEETING.

SOUTHERN DOGS RUN WELL.

Judge—Mr. Walsh. Slipper—R. J. Redmond.

ALDERGROVE STAKES—For 22 bitch puppies. Winner, £27 10/-; second, £12 10/-; third, £7 10/-; three dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. Mussen's Miss Georgie (late Cheerful Dawn) beat Mr. Garvin's Gazelle.
Messrs. McAlinden's Gymnastic won, Mr. McKee's Panoptoican disqualified.
Mr. Shaw's Shanganagh Lass beat Mr. O'Loughlan's Maid of Donacloney.
Mr. Donegan's Damall a bye, Mr. Ferguson's Fancy Betty absent.
Mr. Garvin's Heedless Nell beat Messrs. McAlinden's Flowing Tide.
Mr. Shaw's Sweet Cloraine beat Mr. McKee ns. Warren Lass.
Mr. Ryan's Ratholeigh beat Mr. Irvine's Pardon Me.
Mr. McGrath's Forgive beat Mr. Barrett's Belfast Warbler.
Mr. Duffy ns. Mourne Fly a bye, Mr. Bailey's Clara II. absent.
Mr. McCurdy's Queen Anne II. beat Mr. Caruth ns. Molly Ban II.
Mr. McConnell's Sugar Cane (late Somebody's Darling) beat Mr. O'Mahoney's Senhora

SECOND ROUND.
Miss Georgie beat Gymnastic.
Damall beat Shanganagh Lass.
Heedless Nell beat Sweet Cloraine.
Ratholeigh beat Forgive.
Queen Anne II. beat Mourne Fly.
Sugar Cane a bye.

BALLYCRAIGY STAKES AND WEIR CHALLENGE CUP—For 26 dog puppies. Winner, £22 and Cup; second, £15; third, £7 10/-; four dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. McCurdy ns. Scotsman II. beat Mr. Ballance's Harmonicon II.
Mr. McGarry's Johneen beat Mr. McConnell's Colonel Ricardo.
Mr. Connolly's Craftsman beat Mr. Barrett's Belfast Wrangler.
Mr. Fraser's Ulster King a bye, Mr. Duffy ns. Royal Cotton absent.
Mr. Sullivan's Strange Times beat Mr. McCurdy's Flying George II.
Mr. McDermott's The MacDermott beat Mr. Ballance's Bannockburn.
Mr. Garvin ns. Black Eagle a bye, Mr. Ferguson's Fancy Again absent.
Mr. Shaw's Stranmillis beat Mr. O'Hara ns. Ocean Liner II.
Mr. H. Barr's Idle Topsy beat Mr. Calvert's Called Again.
Mr. McAlinden's Giant beat Mr. McEntaggart ns. One of the Mob.
Mr. Fraser's Silver King II. beat Mr. Shaw's Sprucefield.
Mr. Shaw's Strandtown beat Mr. Mussen's Man of Man (late Swords Volunteer).
Mr. Birchley ns. Kilumney beat Mr. Dowling's Mountain Boy IX.

LOUGH NEAGH STAKES AND CROMAC CHALLENGE CUP—For 17 all ages. Winner, £20 and Cup; second, £10; third, £6; five dogs, £3 each.

Mr. Doyle's Determined Display beat Mr. Mussen's Mistake.
Mr. Harte's Hidden Talent beat Mr. Donegan's Dam Fast.
Mr. Sullivan's Strange Light beat Mr. Barrett's Belfast Wasp.
Mr. Mussen's Missing Money beat Mr. Maxwell's Saint Field.
Mr. Agnew's Free Gift XI. beat Messrs. McAlinden's Great Northern.
Mr. Harte's Hidden Joke beat Mr. Shaw's Shane's Castle.
Mr. Shaw's Lady Lisburn beat Mr. Calvert's Call Over the Card (late Son of a Gun).
Mr. Crawford's Conundrum beat Mr. Shaw's Sweet Land.
Mr. Barnett's Belfast Wonder, a bye.

BALLINDERRY STAKE—For 31 all-ages (maidens). Winner £32, second £14, four dogs £4 each.

Mr. Doyle's Decisive Display beat Mr. M'Fall's Try no More.
Mr. M'Grath's Massereene Arms beat Mr. M'Fall's Baron's Pride.
Mr. Doyle's Delightful Decision beat Mr. Ballance's Banby Boy II.
Mr. Picken's Dark River beat Mr. M'Garry's Kinure.
Mr. M'Grath's Man of Moon beat Mr. Irvine's Sea Rock.
Mr. Bell's Tut Tut (late Crossgar Fancy) beat Mr. Kissock's Young Mintford.
Mr. Shaw's Shirean beat Mr. M'Cracken ns. Full Sail.
Mr. Glen's Glad Neck II. beat Mr. Kelly's Not Out.
Mr. Buckley ns. Clashanure beat Mr. Stewart's Young Badger.
Mr. Kissock ns. Bonny Dewdrop, a bye; Mr. Garrett's Belfast Wafer, absent.
Mr. Vaughan's Genestica beat Mr. Kenny's Little Eva II. (late Clasp).
Mr. Hogg's Encore Aga beat Mr. Winnington ns. Belfast Workhouse.
Mr. Edmiston ns. Glad Eye beat Mr. Kendall ns. French Lady (1).
Mr. Rea's Earl's Rose beat Mr. J. M'Ardle's Grey Mary.
Mr. P. O'Mahony ns. Nanna's Darling beat Mr. J. Graham's Rockview Lass.
Mr. J. Shields' Gate End, a bye.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

Sunshine, rain, sleet, and snow, with little of the former, alternated at Massereene Park to-day, and, to make matters worse, a strong, bitterly cold wind swept in from the Lough. The conditions were really miserable, and no one was sorry when, the bitch puppy stakes having been run down twice, a halt was called in failing light. The proceedings, too, dragged a lot in the early afternoon; but, taken on the whole, the sport was better than what we have been accustomed to here. With the weather more favourable, it would certainly have been a very enjoyable outing, for the hares, on the average, stood up right well.

The holder of the Cromac Cup, Mr. T. Harte, was doubly represented, by Hidden Talent and Hidden Joke, in the Lough Neagh Stakes, and with this smart pair he holds a strong hand. The first-named got away none too well from slips, but his pace stood to him to such an extent that he was able to lead the speedy Damfast some three lengths. Hidden Joke, which is in the other half of his kennel companion, did well to go up in front of Shane's Castle. This puppy of Mr. Harte's has already distinguished himself at Kilmoganny and Freshford, and so far has won eleven out of twelve courses. Lady Lismore, who will represent Mr. Shaw in the Irish Cup, gave quite a stylish display against Call Over the Card, and Missing Money did nothing wrong, but the issue seems to be between Mr. Harte's pair and Lady Lisburn. The bitch puppies were a very moderate lot, with the exception of Damall and Ratholeigh, the latter of which ran up at Mourne Park. They will likely go further, but Heedless Nell may take some stopping. We were not greatly impressed by the dog puppies either, but Strange Times, Stranmillis, Giant, and Kilumney seemed to go fastest.

WESTMEATH (MULLINGAR) MEETING.

Judge—Mr. Murphy. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

THE GREENPARK STAKES—For 16 puppies, at £3 each. Winner, £30; second, £12; two dogs, £3 each.

Mr. C. Lennon's Flying Column IV. beat Mr. P. Barlow's Blackburn.
Mr. J. E. Wallace ns. I'm Telling You beat Mr. P. Weir's Garraneu.
Mr. M. Mullally's Companion beat Mr. T. H. Taylor's Town Tenant.
Mr. M. Ryan's Shaun Spadah II. beat Mr. T. Farrelly's Nubristy.
Master R. S. Kilgarriff's Knight of Mayfield (late Martial Order) beat Mr. T. H. Taylor's Town Talk VI.
Mr. J. Duncan's Mullingar IV. beat Mr. J. Graham's Dr. Byrne.
Mr. P. J. Cunningham's Flying Plot beat Mr. M. Staunton's Gentle Kitty.
Mr. L. Russell's Clonakilty beat Mr. J. J. Cully's Connoisseur.

Second Round—Flying Column IV. beat I'm Telling You; Companion beat Shaun Spadah II.; Mullingar IV. beat Knight of Mayfield; Flying Plot beat Clonakilty.

Third Round—Flying Column IV. beat Companion; Mullingar IV. beat Flying Plot.

Deciding Course—B. f. d. Flying Column IV. (Lord Protector—Kitty Larkin) beat bd. b. Mullingar IV. (Harmonicon—Morning Dew).

THE JAMESTOWN STAKES—For 14 all-ages, at £4 each. Winner, £36; second, £12; two dogs, £4 each.

Mr. M. Mullally's Fainne an Lae beat Mr. M. Fitzsimons' Black Meadow.
Mr. J. Kelly's Ballymakeegan Rebel beat Mr. P. J. Stafford's Scrummager.
Mr. J. Clyne's Aughafoda beat Mr. M. A. Carney's Choice Ally.
Mr. M. O'Beirne's Rathcroghan beat Mr. J. Bannon's Flaxmore.
Mr. M. Lynch's Legnacarra beat Mr. P. Weir's Flying Susan.
Mr. L. D. Kiernan's Walls of Limerick II. beat Mr. Jas. Lynch ns. No Change.
Mr. T. A. Finlay's Cathal beat Mr. T. Farrelly ns. Bonnie Dawn.

Second Round—Ballymakeegan Rebel beat Fainne an Lae; Aughafoda beat Rathcroghan; Legnacona beat Walls of Limerick II.; Cathal, a bye.

Third Round—Ballymakeegan Rebel a bye, Aughafoda drawn; Legnacona beat Cathal.

Stakes divided between bd. d. Ballymakeegan Rebel (Heasman—Cinderella XV.) and r. f. d. Legnacona (Victorious Ally—San Seri).

THE KENNY STAKES—For 16 all-ages (maidens) at £2 10/- each. Winner, £25; second, £10; two dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. P. Coffey's Colleen Oge beat Mr. L. Leech ns. Wasp XIII.
Mr. J. E. Wallace ns. Miss Hilda beat Mr. T. Killian (jun.) ns. Enchanted Earl.
Mr. John Glennon's Wild Flower VII. beat Mr. M. Connolly's Hands Up VI.
Mr. P. Weir's Harmony Rover beat Mr. M. Doherty's Mawgoory.
Mr. J. J. McWalter's Connaught Man beat Mr. C. J. Colgan ns. Lost Thought (late Homeward Bound III.).
Mr. C. Whelehan ns. Kilmore Boy beat Mr. J. Hevey ns. Taughmon Castle.
Mr. A. Dunne's Just One beat Mr. J. Stone's Joy Gift.
Mr. B. Stephenson's Count Two beat Mr. M. Mullally's Corduroy.

Second Round—Miss Hilda beat Colleen Oge; Wild Flower VII. beat Harmony Rover; Connaught Man beat Kilmore Boy; Count Two beat Just One.

Third Round—Miss Hilda beat Wild Flower VII.; Count Two beat Connaught Man.

Deciding Course—F. b. Miss Hilda (Idler—Acushla II.) beat bd. d. Count Two (Heasman—Cinderella XV.).

BOYNE VALLEY MEETING.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.

CHRISTMAS STAKES—For 8 puppies.

Mr. W. M'Grath's Millar's Pride beat Mr. P. Finnegan's First Out.
Mr. P. M'Ginn's Seaghan MacDermaid beat Mr. J. Farrell's Harristown Lass.
Mr. J. Flanegan's Knockmark beat Mr. L. Farrelly's Furze Hill.
Mr. T. M'Loughlin's Gainstown beat Mr. C. Mahon's General Farrier.

SECOND ROUND.—Millar's Pride beat Seaghan MacDermaid.
Stakes divided.

FOLLISTOWN STAKES—For 6 all-ages.

Mr. J. Moore's Village Blacksmith beat Mr. N. Smith's Royal Meath III.
Mr. M. Davitt's Fond Desire beat Mr. V. J. Roantree's Dart.
Mr. M. Davitt's Quite Alright beat Mr. J. Moore's Pearl White.

SECOND ROUND.—Fond Desire beat Village Blacksmith.
Stakes divided.

BATTLE EXPLOIT MEMORIALS.

COMMITTEE'S WORK.

The Battle Exploit Memorials Committee have now registered 154 claims by various units to erect memorials in commemoration of actions or exploits in the war. The most recent are those of the 15th Division (Buzancy), the 24th Division (Le Verguier), the 63rd (Naval) Division (Beaucourt sur Ancre), and the Black Watch and Cameron Highlanders (High Wood, the Somme).

The sites in respect of which these claims are registered are located as follows:—36 in Belgium, 92 in France, 9 in Gallipoli, 9 in Egypt and Palestine, 4 in Salonica, 1 in Mesopotamia, 1 in Italy, and 2 in East Africa.

In the past year the following memorials were unveiled:—12th Division, at Epehy and Arras; 36th (Ulster) Division, at Thiepval; 37th Division, at Monchy le Preux; 55th Division, at Givenchy and La Bassée, and the 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment, at Bois des Buttes.

Other memorials, the creation of which has now been completed, are the following:—9th Scottish Division, at Point du Jour, Arras; 18th Division, at Trones Wood; 20th Division, at Guillemont; 25th Division, at Bailleul; two memorials to the 42nd Division, at Trescault and Bucquoy, respectively; the Tank Corps, at Pozieres; the King's Royal Rifle Corps, at Hooge, and the 1st King Edward's Horse, at Vieille Chapelle.

CO. KILDARE OUTRAGES.

TWO HOUSES AND A HALL BURNED.

During the last few days two houses and a bandroom have been burned maliciously in the vicinity of Athy.

A house at Kilberry, in which Mr. W. H. Verschoyle lived occasionally, was the first place attacked. The steward and his family awoke to find the place in flames, and just managed to escape from it. The house was destroyed.

On the following night another house in the same locality, which was occupied by a Mr. Harris and his wife was burned. This house, too, belonged to Mr. Verschoyle.

On the third night a hall that was used as a bandroom was destroyed.

The cause of these outrages is a mystery, and so far the police have made no arrests.

GALE AND HAIL.

WILD AND WINTRY WEATHER.

The weather over the greater part of the United Kingdom was very unsettled and unpleasant yesterday. After a night of heavy rain, a strong, gusty wind blew from the west, with frequent violent storms of rain and hail.

In North Wales, hailstones lay to a depth of an inch at times, and the wind attained hurricane force. A house was blown down at Swansea, in South Wales, but there were no casualties.

Travellers on English and Irish Channel crossings had very rough passages, but times were well maintained. Passenger traffic was heavy, following the Christmas holidays.

The temperature fell considerably during the afternoon, conditions for outdoor labourers on the Dublin quays being described as Arctic. The wind abated during last night, which was dry and clear, but bitterly cold. To-day's weather forecast promises less unsettled, though cold, conditions.

HEAVY RAIN IN YORKSHIRE.

A Duffield message says that an abnormal rainfall was experienced on the Yorkshire Wolds on Tuesday night.

DISFRANCHISED.

At the Mid-Antrim Revision Sessions, held in Ballymena yesterday, a long list of Sinn Fein applications for the franchise were struck out on account of the claimants not having made the statutory declaration that they were British subjects.

POLO.

ALL-IRELAND CLUB.

The annual general meeting will be held to-day at 4.30 p.m.

CRICKET.

AUSTRALIAN TEAMS' TEST.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.
The match between Victoria and New South Wales ended in a victory for Victoria by six wickets.

Post Orders
Every item mentioned in this advertisement is in stock, and in order that our many Country friends may benefit, we advise them to write at once, for we anticipate an overwhelming demand for these remarkable offers.

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Hundreds of Ready-to-wear and Untrimmed Hats, in Felt, Velvet, Velour, etc. Clearing at from 2/11 to 10/-.

EIGHT SPECIAL BARGAIN OFFERS.
All Wool Navy and White Stripe Suiting, 54 ins. wide, guaranteed fast dye. 3/11 Per Yard.
36-inch Duchesse Mousseline, in Champagne, Pink, Sky, Lemon, Jade, Emerald, Wine, Brown, and Peacock. Special Price, 5/11. Worth double.
Children's Velveteen Frocks, in Brown, Saxe, Ruby, and Violet, 18" to 24". Were 21/- to 42/-. Now all one price. To Clear, 15/- Each.
350 Pairs Ladies' Black "Holeproof" Cashmere Finish Hose, Suspender Tops, Double Heels and Toes. Warranted Dye. 1/0½ per Pair.
27-inch Millinery Velour, in Emerald, Light Grey, Lemon, and Saxe Blue, 7/11 per Yard. Sale Price 1/11.
20 Pieces of Heavy Blouse Cloth, various attractive Designs and Colourings. Fast Dye. Were 2/3 to 3/6. Now .... 1/0½ per Yard.
Special Bargain Lots of All Wool and Real Witney Blankets, made from finest quality Wool only. Every Pair Guaranteed ... 10/6 Each. Others at 8/6, 12/6, 15/6, and 21/- Each. Call in and see them.
350 Pairs Ladies' Strap and Spring Wrist, Heavy Suedette Gloves, Chamois Colour only. Cannot repeat under 2/11. Clearing at .... 1/6½.

GOLFERS, BLOUSES, &c.
50 Pure Wool Golfers, with attractive Long Roll Collars, useful Side Pockets and Sash, as sketch, in Emerald, Jade, Purple, Rust, Saxe, and Champ. Each............ 10/-. Usual price, 15/11 to 29/11. Postage 6d. extra.
Over 100 Odd Blouses and Jumpers, slightly tossed after Christmas rush, in Crepe-de-Chine, Georgette, etc. Clearing at .... 15/-. Usual prices up to 35/-. Postage 6d. extra.
Special offer of Pure Wool House Coats, beautifully soft and warm, in various colours. Special Sale Price .. 4/6. Postage 5d. extra.

DRESS MATERIALS.
54-inch All-Wool, heavy Cheviots, in Saxe, Nigger, Claret, Amethyst, Cream, Purple, Grey, Sky, Navy, and Black. To Clear .... 5/6 per yard. Former prices, 12/11 to 18/6.
All-Wool Navy Serge, Fast Dye. Sale price .... 4/6 per yard. Other prices, 5/11, 8/11, 9/11, & 10/6.
54-inch All-Wool Suitings, with shaded stripes, in Rust, Saxe, Brown, Navy, and Grey. Very Special ... 6/11 per yard.

CHILDREN'S DEPT.
Gymnasium Frocks, in All-Wool Navy Serge, 24" to 42". 24", 12/11 and 15/11. Rising 2/- per size.
Girls' Useful Coats, in nice, mixed Tweeds, well cut and finished, only a limited number and cannot be repeated. Price... 25/11.
Girls' Black Rubber Coats, 27" to 45". 27" .... 14/6. Rising 2/- per size.
All-Wool Navy Serge Kilted Skirts, with bodices, 18" to 36". 18" ...... 4/11. Rising 1/- per size.

SILKS, &c.
38-inch Crepe Iris, for evening wear, in Cream, Champagne, Mauve, Pink, Apricot, and Grey. Special Sale price... 3/6 per yard.
French Crepe-de-Chine, in Ivory, Champagne, Sky, Pink, Apricot, Grey, Navy, and Black 5/11 per yard.
38-inch Chiffon Taffetas, in Saxe, Fawn, Bottle Green, Rose, Cerise. Usual price, 8/11 per yard. Sale .... 5/11 per yard.

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During the Sale we are offering the finest value we have ever done in Blankets—they are of the finest quality—soft, fleecy, and warm.
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450 Pairs of Ladies' Viyella Wool Gloves, Chamois or White. Special Value 2/9
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HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.
Dainty Floral Design Nottingham Lace Curtainette, 41ins. wide. 9d. per Yard. Was 1/6½. Now..........
White or Ecru. Wonderful Value.
About 100 extra large-size Alhambra Quilts, in Red, Sky, Blue, Pink, or Navy, size 94" x 78". Were 13/6. Now .... 5/6 each.
1,000 yards Heavy Unbleached Twill Sheeting, pure cotton, washes and wears splendidly, 56ins. wide. 1/3 per yard.

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500 Pairs of Ladies' Plain Black Cashmere Hose, Seamless, "All Wool" 1/6½
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NEWS FROM ALL PARTS

ARMED ROBBERS IN A DWELLINGHOUSE.

Yesterday in Dublin Police Court Mr. Collins remanded for a week Edward Foran, of Dean's Grange, who is charged with having conspired with others to commit robbery by force and violence, and with having on the night of the 14th inst, with other armed men, "held up and robbed Mr. Walter Webster at his residence, New Park Lodge, Stillorgan. It was stated that jewellery to the value of about £150, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Webster, had been taken, and that visitors in the house at the time had been robbed of various sums of money by the raiders, one of whom stood as guard at the dining-room door, with a rifle in his hand, while the money and jewellery were being taken.

TRIPPED AND BEATEN.—Fined one pound and ordered to give bail to keep the peace for twelve months was the order made yesterday in the Dublin Police Court by Mr. Cooper, K.C., against Michael Scully, who was described as an electrician, residing at 17 Thomas Ashe street, Dublin, for having assaulted Timothy Joseph Wood, of Parliament street, on the 26th November. According to the evidence, when Wood was going towards Parliament street he was tripped up by a man at Crane lane. When knocked down he saw the defendant bending over him. The defence was an *alibi*.

HOSPITAL CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.—The Society of St. Nicholas, 3 North Temple street, Dublin, has done much good work during the Christmas season. The Children's Hospital, Temple street, the Dublin Union, and other places were visited, and Santa Claus distributed toys amongst the children. Concerts were also given. Yesterday afternoon a visit was paid to the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, where a number of the children, as well as the nursing and other staffs, were treated to an excellent vocal and musical entertainment.

PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK.—The Archdeacon of Dublin presided at a meeting on Wednesday of the Executive Committee of the Bishop of Limerick Fund. The Dean of Christ Church, hon. secretary, and the Rev. W. W. Dungan gave favourable reports of the progress of the movement. It was arranged to close the subscription list on the 31st inst. and to make the presentation in the boardroom of the A.P.C.K., 37 Dawson street, Dublin, on Friday, 6th January, at 3.30 o'clock, when the Archbishop of Dublin will preside, and will be supported by the Provost of Trinity College.

SEASHORE LIFE.—The juvenile lecture arranged for 4 o'clock this evening in the Lecture Theatre, Leinster House, Dublin, will be delivered by Professor J. Bayley Butler, M.B.E., who will choose for his subject "Rock Pools and Seashore Life." The lecturer will deal with the fascinating objects revealed by the receding tide, describing the formation of sand ripples and the various types of seaweeds occurring at different depths. He will proceed to a description of the varied forms of animal life to be found on our shores. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides and a cinematograph.

TAXATION ACCOUNT DEDUCTIONS.—A further series of letters from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, intimating deductions from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account will be submitted at the meeting of the Dublin Corporation on Monday. Of the sums deducted, £9,965 3s. 3d. is in respect of criminal injuries, £1,816 17s. 2d. in respect of payment to the Local Government Board for the second half of the local financial year ending 31st March, 1922; and £353 12s. 10d. in respect of allowance to Mr. P. J. Monks for twelve months to 1st September, 1921. Another letter from the Under Secretary states that a paying order for £29 9s. 4d., allowance for October, had been forwarded to Mr. Monks.

ULSTER.

FARMER FOUND DEAD.—Patrick Boyle, farmer and sheep dealer, Pollans, Letterkenny, was found dead on Christmas Eve in a sunken road fence near New Mills. His eyesight had been weak, and he apparently took the wrong road to his home.

FOUND DEAD IN HER HOME.—Nancy Crossan, the owner of a small farm at Woodland, Letterkenny, where she lived alone, was found dead in her house on Christmas Day by a neighbour. The cause of death was heart failure.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S DIFFICULTIES.—Mr. F. J. Lynam, County Surveyor for County Tyrone, has discharged 150 men who were employed on road work in North Tyrone. The Council has no money on hands at present.

CARRIED OFF BY UNKNOWN MEN.—Three young men named Lecky, Magee, and McNulty, who reside in the districts of Castlefin and Liscooly, were arrested by unknown men and taken away in a motor car from their homes on Tuesday. The Crown forces are inquiring into the matter.

MUNSTER.

THE NENAGH OUTRAGE.—The young man John Gill, of Dublin road, Nenagh, who was fired at on Christmas Eve by unknown persons and wounded in the leg, is progressing favourably in the local hospital.

CONNAUGHT.

COUNTY ANALYST APPOINTED.—It was stated by the clerk at a meeting of the Boyle Board of Guardians that Mr. William J. Horn, Limerick, had been appointed analyst for the County Roscommon.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS REMOVED.—All the hospital patients and inmates in Carrick-on-Shannon Workhouse are being transferred under the amalgamation scheme to the County Home and Hospital at Manorhamilton. The Fever Hospital will be retained at Carrick-on-Shannon, and the County Infirmary is being turned into a district hospital for South Leitrim.

SLIGO COUNTY EXPENDITURE.—The clerk stated at a meeting of Sligo County Council that it took £96,000 to keep the public institutions of the county going. They would be able to make a reduction of 25 per cent. in the rates next year, and if they got the grants, as they expected, the rates would be lower than ever before.

The ss. Rosabelle, which left the Liffey empty for Preston, has been obliged to return here on account of machinery trouble.

In Strabane on Wednesday hen and duck eggs fell by 9d. per dozen, and are now selling at 2s. 6d. per dozen. A further reduction is expected.

The weather has been so mild in the Strabane district that primroses are growing in the fields with other flowers. On Wednesday morning, however, snow fell heavily.

In future all County Donegal prisoners are to go to Sligo Jail, instead of Derry Jail, as heretofore, owing to the changes brought about by the Government of Ireland Act.

To-day the Girls' Friendly Society Lodge, 28 Merrion square, Dublin, will hold a devotional meeting at 2.30. Address by Rev. John Powell, M.A.

Mr. William Linton, of the Ulster Bank, Strabane, who has been promoted to Belfast, was pro-manager of Strabane branch, of which Mr. William Hay is manager.

Three men from Banagher have been arrested by the R.I.C. and lodged in Banagher Barracks for refusing to pay fines imposed for having no lights on their bicycles.

The grocery establishment of Mr. Murtagh O'Leary, Wood quay, Galway, was broken into during the Christmas holidays. Groceries and cash to the extent of about £9 were taken.

The Strabane Revision Court has held that a London resident can have a vote in respect of Irish property, and a London man was admitted to the register for property in Strabane.

At the monthly meeting of the Moira Rural District Council, Captains C. G. Thompson, V.S., Church place, Lurgan, was re-appointed Veterinary Inspector to the Council.

It is stated that a conflict took place between Crown forces and civilians in Dungarvan on Christmas Eve, and that one of the civilians received a bullet wound in the knee. The wound was not serious.

Tannaghmore Lodge (Mile House), near Lurgan, with a farm of 17 acres 2 roods 29 perches, held under the Irish Land Commission at the yearly rent of £4 1s., has been sold by public auction to Mr. Patrick Madden for £2,030.

HUDDERSFIELD TRAGEDY.

At Huddersfield yesterday, William Henry Stead, milk dealer, was remanded on a charge of wife murder. The Chief Constable said that the prisoner was found standing over his wife's body. Her throat was cut.

PRISONERS TAKEN TO DERRY.

Twenty prisoners were transferred from Belfast Jail to Londonderry Jail yesterday afternoon. The men were taken to the railway station at Belfast on two military lorries under a strong guard.

The Lyons police have arrested an alleged swindler named Oscar Zindel, who is reported to be a British subject. He is charged with having defrauded the Farmers' Loan Bank of £3,800.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE PEACE TREATY.
NOTICE.
A MEETING OF THE FARMERS OF THE COUNTY DUBLIN
Will be held at
37 UPPER FITZWILLIAM STREET, DUBLIN,
On MONDAY, the 2nd JANUARY, 1922,
at 12 noon,
To Call on Dail Eireann to Ratify the Treaty in the best interests of the country.
Farmers attend, and make your voice heard for your country's sake.

NOTICE.
TO FARMERS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE QUEEN'S COUNTY.
A PUBLIC MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN THE
TOWN HALL, MARYBOROUGH,
On SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st.
(Chair will be Taken at 2 o'clock sharp),
TO CALL ON DAIL EIREANN TO
RATIFY THE TREATY
IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.
All Farmers and Ratepayers who wish for Peace should take this opportunity of demonstrating by their presence their opinion on this important matter at this momentous time.

COUNTY KILKENNY FARMERS AND THE TREATY.
A Public Meeting of the Farmers of the County of Kilkenny will be held at the COURTHOUSE, KILKENNY, on SATURDAY NEXT, 31st DECEMBER, 1921, at 2 o'clock. p.m., to decide on the action to be taken in connection with the Treaty under discussion by Dail Eireann.—P. M'GRATH, Secretary, Co. Kilkenny Farmers' Organisation.

AONAČ NA NGAEḊEAL.
WORLD CONGRESS OF THE IRISH RACE,
TO BE HELD IN PARIS, 21st JANUARY, 1922.
ART SECTION.
All information regarding the arrangements for the collection of Exhibits for the Art Exhibition, to be held in connection with the above Conference, may be had from Mr. JOHN MURPHY, 113 Stephen's Green, W., Dublin.

THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
IRISH COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' FEDERATION
Will be held in the
OAK ROOM, MANSION HOUSE,
On SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 31st,
At 7 o'clock.
Members' attendance earnestly requested. Travellers belonging to other associations are cordially invited.

GRAND CANAL COMPANY.
IRREDEEMABLE DEBENTURE STOCK.
Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of this Company relating to the above-named Stock will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 14th JANUARY, 1922, both days inclusive.
THOMAS DELANEY, Secretary.
Grand Canal House, James's street Harbour, Dublin, 28th December, 1921.

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WEDNESDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1921,
THURSDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1921,
FRIDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1921,
SATURDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1921,
MONDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1922,
From half-past 2 till 5 p.m.
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By Order,
HENRY L. BOURKE, Actuary.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACT, 1898.
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.
THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD HEREBY GIVE NOTICE

1.—That an Election of FOUR TRADERS' MEMBERS and THREE SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1922, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

2.—Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.

3.—The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate, with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' Member," or as a "SHIPPING Member," and the Nomination Paper may be in the following form or to the like effect:—
NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACT, 1898.
Election of ELECTIVE Members of the Board To be held on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1922.
We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby nominate the following Person as a Candidate:—

Surname	Other Names	Abode or Place of Business	Description
Smith	William Henry	100 City Quay	Timber Merchant

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.
(*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.)

Signature	Number on Register of Electors
Thomas Jones	360
James Robinson	780

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.
Dated this day of 19
Signed ‡WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
(‡Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.)

4.—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

5.—Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his Proposer or Seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same, at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 31st day of December, 1921.

6.—The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT and DOCKS BOARD on Monday, the 2nd day of January, 1922, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon, to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.

7.—Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.
DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS OFFICE, DUBLIN.
Dated this 19th day of December, 1921.
E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

General Inference.—Further depressions will probably arrive from the Atlantic and maintain Western to South-Westerly winds, strong at times, with alternating wet and fair periods; temperature again becoming high for the time of year in the South before long.

Ireland.—Fresh to strong South-Westerly wind; fair to dull; some rain; visibility mainly fair; becoming mild again.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN BAR.

To-day.... Morning	11.28	Evening	11.47
To-morrow..	—	„	0. 6

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

To-day.... Rises	8.40	Sets	4.14
To-morrow.. „	8.40	„	4.15
LIGHTING-UP TIME			5.14 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Gaiety Theatre—"Aladdin," 2 and 7.30.
Empire Theatre—"The Girl in the Taxi," 6.45 and 8.45 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Pot of Broth" and "The Suburban Groove," 8.15.
Queen's Theatre—"Jack and Jill," 6.45 and 9.
Theatre Royal—Hippodrome, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—6.45 and 9 p.m.
Bohemian—Pictures, continuous.
Carlton—Pictures, continuous.
Sackville—Pictures, continuous.
Princess, Rathmines—Pictures, continuous.
Corinthian—Pictures, continuous.
A Nativity Play, The Hall, 18 Lower Leeson street, at 3 o'clock.
Kingstown Pavilion—Pictures, continuous.
La Scala—Pictures, continuous.
Grand Central—Pictures, continuous.
R.D.S. Lecture—4 o'clock.
Port and Docks Board—1 o'clock.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying to inquiries, states that there can be no revision of the Government's peace terms.—(P. 5.)

The Town Clerk of Dublin has formulated a scheme by which tenants of cottages may become owners of the property.—(P. 5.)

Sir John Hare, the well-known actor, died yesterday in London.—(P. 5.)

So far no arrest has been made in connection with the Bournemouth murder.—(P. 6.)

Yesterday the Prince of Wales opened the immense All-India Memorial in Calcutta.—(P. 5.)

In matters of submarines and auxiliary warships, France is unable to accept the American limitation proposals. So far as submarines are concerned, the discussion is over and the Powers are at liberty, apparently, to build as many under-water vessels as they think necessary.—(P. 5.)

There were minor demonstrations in Egypt yesterday, but virtually no violence. The tramway service has been partially resumed, and cabs are plying for hire as usual. The Nationalist Party leaders conferred.—(P. 5.)

London Stock Markets were quiet. Argentine and Russian Rails being good spots. End-of-the-year money was in urgent demand. Sterling in New York improved. In Dublin Guinness and Irish Rails were firm.—(P. 7.)

DISTINGUISHED INVALIDS.

The Bishop of London is still very ill.

The condition of Sir George Carter, managing director of Cammell, Laird and Co., who is lying dangerously ill, is slowly becoming worse.

A Clear Issue.

When *Dail Eireann* reassembles next week it will be confronted with two unassailable facts. The first is the country's urgent and almost unanimous demand for the ratification of the Peace Treaty. The other is the absence of any middle course between acceptance and rejection of the Treaty. If any honest doubt existed on this point, it will be removed, once for all, by the Prime Minister's statement which we publish to-day. The British Government has said its last word. It has offered everything that Ireland could hope to get from England by another hundred years of pleading or fighting, and more than she is ever likely to get if this offer is refused. Mr. Lloyd George warns *Dail Eireann* that the re-opening of argument is impossible. If the Articles of Agreement are rejected or altered, they will become null and void, and once more the old, tragic vista of hate and bloodshed will loom before two peoples who are anxious to be friends. This plain statement ought to curtail the *Dail's* discussions. It will strengthen the case for acceptance of the Treaty. It may not change the views of those who want war at any cost; but surely it will silence the men who have been pretending that it is possible to reject the Treaty without rejecting peace. Any further talk about Mr. de Valera's "alternative oath" will be sheer nonsense and criminal waste of time. Even Mr. Erskine Childers's arrogant ingenuity will not venture now to display itself in further word-spinning. He may vote for rejection and take the consequences, but he cannot proclaim peace when there is no peace. *Dail Eireann* must say "Yes" or "No."

In addition to these two reasons for a swift verdict—the country's call and the nakedness of the issue—Mr. Lloyd George supplies a third. *Dail Eireann* is holding up the nation's business. The people intend to have peace and are eager to start work upon the foundations of the new State. The British Government is equally impatient. It is unwilling to add an unnecessary minute to the centuries during which Ireland has waited for self-government. When the Imperial Parliament ratified the Treaty the Cabinet instructed a Committee of Ministers, under Mr. Churchill's presidency, to make all arrangements for the speedy transfer of full executive responsibility to the Provisional Government of Ireland. These arrangements include the evacuation of the British forces and the settlement of an amnesty. The Committee sat until Christmas and had proposed to sit during the holidays; but the *Dail* had other views. There can be no Provisional Government—no *pou sto* for the Archimedes of Ireland's temple of liberty—until the Treaty has been ratified. Men who might now be free remain in prison because Mr. de Valera must unfold his history of philosophic doubt and because another deputy's hatred of England cannot find expression in less than two hours and forty minutes. When the *Dail* chooses to say "Yes" the Provisional Government will be constituted and its large powers will be transferred to it without further delay. Till then Ireland must remain in a state of suspended animation, like the household of the sleeping beauty. It is a big price to pay for a national assembly's refusal to execute the people's will.

When the *Dail* meets next week every one of its members ought to realise that his part in the first tasks of nation-building will depend upon his vote. The character of the Provisional Government is left in some doubt by the Articles of Agreement. After ratification a meeting of members of the Parliament of Southern Ireland will be summoned—presumably by the Lord Lieutenant—and a Provisional Government will be constituted. The process of constitution is not explained, but two things are clear. Mr. Lloyd George said in the House of Commons that the Provisional Government "must represent the existing majority of Irish representatives." The Articles of Agreement declare that no transfer of powers shall be made until every member of the Provisional Government has "signified in writing his or her acceptance" of the Articles. In other words, since no member of *Dail Eireann* who refuses to vote for ratification will be able conscientiously to sign the Articles of Agreement, no such member will be able to accept office in the Provisional Government. The country will be very sorry if any considerable section of *Dail Eireann* refuses to support the Treaty and so disqualifies itself for public service; but the country is resolved to have the Provisional Government as the indispensable stepping-stone to the solid ground of the Irish Free State. We ask every member of *Dail Eireann* to reflect deeply before he makes a decision which will condemn him either to inaction or to barren revolt in this beginning of a new era of Irish history. The country has chosen peace and progress. Its councils will have no place for those who would—

"mix with Laian rage the joy
That dawns upon the free."

Dublin Houses.

A very interesting proposal in connection with Dublin housing will be discussed at Monday's meeting of the City Corporation. Under the Housing Act the Dublin Corporation built 1,172 self-contained cottages, which have been let to suitable tenants. The total revenue from rents is £20,694; but, as the cottages demand an annual outlay of £14,372, the net revenue is very small. The Town Clerk proposes now that these cottages shall be sold to the tenants. The responsibility of ownership, he believes, would ensure their maintenance in good repair by the purchasers, and the Corporation would secure a net revenue of some £14,435. Payment would be made by annuities, equal to twice the Poor Law valuation of the cottages, while a ground rent, equal to one-fourth of that valuation, would be reserved. The Housing Committee of the Corporation approves of this scheme, which we consider to be excellent. No city in Europe, except London, has such appalling slums as are hidden away in the back streets of Dublin. Few cities anywhere have been so slow as the Irish capital to provide better housing conditions for their inhabitants. The Town Clerk's plan is a step in the right direction; but it is only a step. The provision of decent houses for Dublin's poor will be one of the most urgent duties of the Irish Free State. The ideal is a city in which every family will have its own house. Then landlords, as such, will cease to exist, and Dublin will become a capital fit for the homes of free and prosperous citizens.

Helium.

Experiments are being made in the United States to discover with what success helium, a non-inflammable gas, may be substituted for hydrogen in filling the envelopes of airships. Helium is a rare gas which exists in the atmosphere in a very small quantity—less than 0.1 *per cent.*, in fact. It is chemically inactive, and very light, being only about five *per cent.* heavier than hydrogen. These qualities would make helium an excellent substitute for hydrogen, if it could be isolated freely from the atmosphere and other sources. One method of isolation, perfected quite recently by German chemists, consists in the liquefaction of atmospheric air and its subsequent distillation. The use of this gas does away with the possibility of the envelope's destruction by fire. Unfortunately, the cost of manufacture is very high, and the extent of the world's supply is very doubtful. Again, the lifting power is not so great as that of hydrogen, and a helium-filled envelope must be of much larger volume than the hydrogen-filled envelope which suspends the same load. If these difficulties can be surmounted, and if the American experiments prove helium to be a practical substitute for the customary gas, a great part of the danger associated with aviation by airship will have been eliminated. Incidentally, the man who invents a cheap and efficient plant for the manufacture of helium is likely to make a fortune not to be despised.

Sir John Hare.

The death of Sir John Hare, in his seventy-eighth year, removes one of the last figures of the mid-Victorian stage. He was a fine actor, judged by the standards of his times, and, with one or two others—including Sir Squire Bancroft, who survives him—"made" that school of English comedy in which our grandparents took so much delight. Sir John Hare began his career in the 'sixties, when he appeared in all the famous Robertson plays. He became manager of the old Court Theatre in London, and afterwards took charge of St. James's Theatre in partnership with Mr. Kendal. In 1889 he opened the Garrick Theatre, which was the scene of many of his triumphs. Nowadays we are inclined to sneer at the "drama" of Hare and Bancroft. "Caste" is "vulgar"; "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith" is dull; even "The Gay Lord Quex" is a bore. In fact, drama of any kind has ceased to please our fickle palates. *Revue* is the order of the day, and no "play" has a chance of success unless it hails from France or America. There is no doubt that Victorian comedy was very "thin"; but it was better than the trash which passes muster nowadays. Above all, it was essentially clean. The "high-brow" plays of modern times could afford to sacrifice much of their brilliance for a tithe of its refreshing purity.

Bolshevist Marriages.

The farcical nature of Bolshevist marriage laws is illustrated in an amusing fashion by a correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*. A Russian merchant, who was fighting for the "Reds" against Denikin, managed recently to escape to England, leaving behind him his wife and three young children. A few months ago he succeeded in getting into touch with his wife, and asked her to join him. She applied to one of those mysterious agents of whom Bolshevia is full. He told her that for five million roubles he would get her out of the country. A man was found who for a consideration consented to play the part of the real husband, and in a few hours an "instantaneous divorce" was procured. Unfortunately, the "husband" forgot his name before the Revolutionary Tribunal, but a stage-whisper from the agent saved the situation. The rest was easy. A beggar from the slums with a foreign name was provided with Lettish papers, and the lady was "married" to him a few hours after her mock divorce. Thus she became a Latvian subject, and, by affirming that the beggar was the real father of her three children, had their names added to her new passport. The agent pocketed his 5,000,000 roubles, and the family is re-united, thanks to the elastic bonds of matrimony in Holy Russia.

DECORATION OF SHIPS.

THE CHOICE OF STYLES.

The first requisite from the point of view of the passenger, after that of the general good or bad repute in which the line and ship he sails on is held, is that the general arrangement of the accommodation shall be such as to contribute to his comfort—enough promenade space and open decks for games, ample ventilation at all times and heat in winter, well arranged staterooms and public rooms, access to all parts under cover. An essential factor in all this is the interior decoration.

As in Pullman cars, so in ships, says Mr. E. H. Rigg, in *Engineering*, we have happily got far away from the days of heavily applied ornamentation, just as in our houses we demand decoration and furniture which combine grace and usefulness. So in ships it has been realised more and more that good interior architecture and decoration do not necessarily involve additional expense, or rather expense beyond an immediately appreciable return in the enhanced reputation of the vessel in question in attracting passengers.

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Of the later periods which lend themselves to ship decorative architecture, the Tudor and Flemish are found most frequently in smoking-rooms; the periods of Louis XIV., XV., and XVI of France in the music-rooms, lounges, and galleries. Read the published descriptions and visit modern liners; it is hard to realise the variety of styles which can be adapted to ship decorations. From classic and Gothic in lesser amounts we pass on to a wealth of the Renaissance of Italy and of France, to the English and Dutch evolutions, and, lastly, to our own Colonial, the keynote to the decoration of our post-war ships of the American "Legion" class.

We have heard lately of ships that were overdone in the lavishness of their appointments; perhaps so. A ship designed and built for a one-week trip does not need as much in the way of accessories as one that is to be a floating home for four or five weeks at a stretch. Let ships be designed each for their own trade, with due consideration to climates passed through, to the likes and dislikes of the people carried, and to the length of voyage. A rational answer to these questions will settle both the decorative and elaborateness questions.

The impression may have been given that copying the past is the only way to decorate a ship; this is not intended. Certain it is that the past, so far as it has been spared by the hand of the ignorant savagery that breaks out in huamnity at intervals, furnishes us with a wealth of background to work on. The masters of all the ages have left work for us to admire and beat if we can.

From Persia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Italy, France, and Europe generally do we inherit. The classic styles of Greece and Rome lead on to the Gothic and the later periods of Italian and French Renaissance, the Tudor, the Dutch, the periods of the Louis, the Regency, Empire, Adam and Colonial; then, too, China and Japan have contributed their share. With the masterpieces of all the ages to draw from, we would be poor, indeed, if, while working out new ideas and adaptations, we fail to give credit to the sources of inspiration.

The latest word in large liner decoration that the public has had a chance to see is that of the Paris of the French Line; a visit to this ship leaves no doubt as to the artistic ability of the French designers and decorators. She is very much of the dimensions of the Mauretania. Large 'tween-deck heights prevail; in the upper public rooms extra height has been obtained by extending the central part up several feet.

With the general scheme of decoration it is hard to find fault, though our friends of the plain and simple school had better travel on some other ship; the ornamentation is in excellent taste, the result being magnificence without gaudiness. The large windows in the public rooms give one the impression of a palace rather than a ship; they are protected by the outer windows enclosing the promenade.

THE TREATY OF PEACE—III.

NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES.

(FROM A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The Treaty does not expressly provide for the withdrawal of the Crown Forces from Ireland. The matter is really covered by the second article of the Agreement, which provides that the position of the Irish Free State in relation to the Imperial Government and Parliament shall be that of the Dominion of Canada. By implication, however, the Treaty envisages the withdrawal of the Crown Forces from Free State territory, because it describes in detail the harbour and other facilities looking to the coastal defence of the country which His Majesty's Imperial Forces are to undertake until an arrangement shall be made for the Irish Free State to undertake its own coastal defence.

To understand why the matter was not dealt with more specifically it is necessary to understand, in the first place, how much a matter of understanding and how little a matter of statute or definite agreement are the relations between the Dominions and the Mother Country, and, in the second place, how much a matter of custom and how little a matter of constitutional enactment are the relations between the Crown and the Imperial Parliament on the one hand and the Crown and the Dominion Parliaments on the other. To understand the situation perfectly it is necessary to remember that the King is King of Canada as well as King of Great Britain, and will be King of the Irish Free State.

In theory, at least, all military and naval forces in any of these countries are the Forces of the Crown or, as the Treaty describes them, the Imperial Forces. They fight whomsoever the King tells them to fight, and go wherever in his wide Dominions the King orders them to go. If the King likes to station his Ghurka troops in his Irish Dominions and send a division of Free State troops to garrison Tasmania there is no constitutional law which says him nay. In actual fact the King's power of doing such things had vanished long before there were any Dominions. It was for insisting too much on privileges of this character that Pym and his circle made things so hot for good King Charles. But, though the decapitation of that monarch established a valuable principle, it was not followed up by anything drastic in the nature of constitutional enactments. The House of Commons had not at that time the power to make laws curtailing the King's prerogatives, and would have been very reluctant to use them if it had possessed them. The inclination of British statesmanship always has been to make abuses of the Royal prerogatives difficult or impossible rather than to transfer those prerogatives to some other person or assemblage. The fact that at the present day the King takes no active part in the administration of the realm is due to the immense complexity of modern government rather than to any determination on the part of Parliament to transfer the control of the State's affairs from the King to the people's representatives.

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The House of Commons has, therefore, been content to control the use and disposition of the British Army and Navy in an indirect, but extremely effective, way. In the first place, by controlling supply it retained the power to refuse the money necessary for the support of both Army and Navy, provision for which is made in the annual Budget. Secondly, by making the Army Act (formerly the Mutiny Act) an annual statute it retains in its hands the power to disband the Standing Army at any time. If the Army Act fails to be renewed in due course, the King's Regulations go by the board and military discipline ceases to be enforceable. Lastly, the King's Ministers who have charge of the Navy and Army are members of the Cabinet and share its responsibility to the House of Commons.

With the military or naval forces raised by the Dominions the British Parliament naturally has nothing to do. They are the King's forces, but in this case the real control of them is vested in the King's Ministers of the Dominion in question, who are in return responsible to the Dominion Legislature. It is accordingly easy to understand that if, to take an example, the British Government should feel that the Empire's naval policy demanded the establishment of a naval base in New Zealand, it would not be enough for the Prime Minister to go to the King and ask him in his capacity of King of New Zealand to provide the necessary facilities. The King would say, "My dear Prime Minister, you know I leave these matters entirely to my Ministers. Suppose you write to the Prime Minister of New Zealand and see what he thinks of the proposal. If he is agreeable, I shall, of course, be delighted to have my Governor-General approve whatever arrangements you may agree upon."

So it amounts in practice to this—that in the case of Great Britain and all the Dominions (and the Irish Free State will stand on exactly the same footing as a Dominion) each controls the disposition of its own forces, and no one can send its forces into the territories or territorial waters of another without that other's consent. At the present time there are a few British troops in South Africa, but none elsewhere, though until shortly before the war there used to be a military garrison in Halifax and a naval base at Esquimault, in British Columbia.

As regards naval defence, that has hitherto always been left, and, no doubt, will continue to be left, to the British Navy, though some of the Dominions have had their own ships, manned by their own *personnel*. Consequently the stationing of British ships in Colonial waters is a matter of general and not of special arrangement. With military forces the case is otherwise, and the despatching of British troops to one of the Dominions, or *vice versa*, would be a matter of very definite and limited agreement. With regard to the military forces raised by the Dominions, these, as has already been said, are actually under the sole control of the Dominion Governments. During the war the various Dominions were entirely free to decide whether or no they would raise troops, how they should be raised (by conscription or voluntary enlistment), and where they should serve. Canada, Australia, and New Zealand raised, equipped, and maintained their own troops, but turned them over to the British High Command for strategic purposes. The conquest of German South-West Africa, on the other hand, was carried out by South African troops, whose operations were controlled from Cape Town and not from Whitehall.

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The military forces of the Free State are limited by the Treaty to numbers bearing the same proportion to the military establishments maintained in Great Britain that the population of Ireland bears to the population of Great Britain. It does not appear that the decision of the Ulster counties to adhere to their present *status* is to affect these figures. The wording of this Article is not as plain as it might be; for it might be argued that the Territorial Force was a military establishment maintained in Great Britain, a contention which, if allowed, would nearly double the potential strength of the Free State forces. In pre-war days the regular troops serving in the British Isles numbered about one hundred and twenty thousand men; but it is not unlikely that in the near future a much smaller force than this will be maintained in the British Isles, the great bulk of the British Army units being stationed in Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, or other places where they are likely to be required.

It will, therefore, be reasonable to assume that the Irish Free State defence force, whatever it may be called, will have a strength of from ten to twelve thousand men. No conditions of any kind are imposed by the Treaty as to terms of service, and there is nothing, apparently, to prevent the Free State Government from adopting the Scharnhorst plan and putting the whole of the able-bodied youth of Ireland through a short and intensive course of military training. On a basis of fifteen thousand troops under arms at one time and a six months' training period, thirty thousand men could be trained every year. Given eighteen as the age at which compulsory training must be undertaken, the Free State would in the year 1924 be able to put into the field three hundred and sixty thousand men, thirty years old or younger, all of whom were at least partially trained to arms.

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Of more real importance is the fact that, with the withdrawal of British troops from Ireland, an income of something like two hundred thousand pounds a week leaves, too; and it seems more than likely that an effort ultimately will be made to have a portion at least of the British forces kept in the Free State for training purposes. Such troops would have no more right or inclination to interfere with the Government of the Free State than if they were officers on leave stopping in a Dublin hotel. Whether the British Government would feel inclined to fall in with such an arrangement is doubtful. When cavalry formed an important arm of the Service the Curragh was invaluable as a training centre. But warfare is now a matter of mechanics, and Aldershot and Salisbury Plain may provide all the training facilities that the British Army is likely to require in the near future. On the other hand, the Treaty provides for the maintenance of air stations at the four ports of Berehaven, Lough Swilly, Queenstown, and Belfast Lough. If France and other Continental countries propose to take advantage of the restrictions on battleship-building in order to accumulate large numbers of submarines, these air stations will assume an added importance, and so will make up in part for the financial loss to Ireland resulting from the withdrawal of the British military forces.

If Ulster retains her present *status* under the Government of Ireland Act, she remains *pro tempore* a part of the United Kingdom, and British troops will continue to provide the necessary garrisons. Under the 1920 Act the Army is a reserved service, and Ulster will have no right to raise any sort of defence force except by agreement with the Free State Government, pursuant to Article 14 of the Treaty.

OLD EGYPTIAN SCRIPT.

ITS HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT.

"If we put ourselves into the position of a community which is not in a position to communicate thought except by speech, we can understand what a disadvantage it must have been to some of the ancient peoples not to have a clear, legible system of writing," explained the Rev. Professor P. J. Boylan, in introducing the first of a series of lectures for juveniles, in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Dublin Society yesterday evening.

Professor Boylan's subject was "The Art of Writing in Ancient Egypt," and the various lantern slides with which it was illustrated lent it additional interest. One of the earliest attempts known by Egyptian civilisation to express thought in such a way as to convey intelligible ideas was symbolical of the overthrowing of a town, and the taking possession of it by an Egyptian king. From these picture-graphs, as representations of words, they passed to the phonographic script, and from the objects and the names there was a transition to sound values. The Egyptians, gradually developing the idiographic into the quasi-alphabetic script, had twenty-four letters in their alphabet, but did not confine themselves to these letters to represent words. There was a peculiarity about Egyptian characters which helped one in reading them. After each word which was the name of a thing a picture was painted showing the thing or the action of that thing, and these were called determinatives.

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Coming to the Ptolemaic puzzle script, the lecturer said that a series of the most extraordinary ways of writing was adopted. When the hieroglyphic came to be written on papyrus the writers had to change the form of the writing, and there was as much difference between them as between our handwriting and the printing in books.

The Hieratic, Demotic, and Coptic scripts were shown on the screen, and the lecturer proceeded to say that until the end of the eighteenth century any real knowledge of the meaning of hieroglyphics had disappeared. Writers thought that there were Egyptian signs hidden in these most wonderful signs, and that they were symbols and not signs of words.

He referred to the discovery by a French student of the meaning of these hieroglyphics and of the translation of the inscription of the Rosetta stone.

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The study of Egyptian, concluded the lecturer, had gone up by leaps and bounds, and one of the men who had contributed a great deal to the deciphering of Egyptian script was a Dublin scholar, so that they in Dublin had an example before them. There was plenty of work yet to be done in this direction, and he hoped that some of the young people who were listening to him would be able to share in it later on.

This evening Professor J. Bayley Butler, M.B.E., M.A., M.B., will deliver the second lecture, which will be entitled "Rock Pools and Seashore Life."

COURT AND PERSONAL.

VICEREGAL LODGE, DUBLIN, WEDNESDAY.

The Right Honble. the Earl of Kenmare, C.V.O., H.M.L., and Canon Burke, P.P., had the honour of being invited to luncheon with Their Excellencies to-day.

Princess Mary, escorted by the Duke of York and Viscount Lascelles, enjoyed a good run with the West Norfolk Hounds on Boxing Day. The meet was at Tittleshall.

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To-day there will be a great rally of Norwegians in London for the official opening of Norway House by the King of Norway. Queen Maud and Prince Olaf, and the Norwegian Diplomatic Corps will be present at the ceremony.

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To-day the Earl of Longford celebrates his nineteenth birthday. In 1915 he succeeded his father, the fifth Earl, who was killed in action at Gallipoli, where he was serving as a temporary Brigadier-General. The young peer, whose mother is a daughter of the seventh Earl of Jersey, comes of a very distinguished line, the de Pakenhams of Suffolk, a family of importance in the reign of Edward I. Of the branch of the family settled in Ireland was Thomas Pakenham, who married the heiress of the last Earl of Longford of a former creation, and was elevated to the peerage as Baron Longford in 1756. Nearly twenty years after his death his widow was created Countess of Longford, and, surviving her son, the second Baron, she was succeeded in the earldom by her grandson, on whom later the United Kingdom Barony of Silchester was conferred. The late Earl, who was a Knight of St. Patrick and H.M.L. of County Longford, left two sons and four daughters.

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The Earl and Countess of Granard and their children will leave New York this week for London. Lady Beatrice Ormsby-Gore, who, with her children, has been staying at Hatfield for Christmas, will start on Saturday for the West Indies to join the Hon. William Ormsby-Gore, who is accompanying the Under Secretary for the Colonies on an official tour. Lieutenant-General Sir John and Lady Maxwell, who remained in London for Christmas, will leave for the Riviera early next week.

Brighton proved a very popular *rendezvous* at Christmas, and many well-known people are staying there for New Year's Day. Lady Sackville has a family party in Sussex square, including the Hon. Harold and Mrs. Nicolson and their children; and at Abinger House, Hove, Lady Louise Loder is entertaining a large family party. Other visitors include the Earl and Countess of Kimberley and their son, Lord Wodehouse; Sir Campbell Stuart, K.B.E., of *The Times*; the Hon. Mrs. Blyth, Lieutenant-General Sir William and Lady Pitcairn Campbell, Sir Henry and Lady Randall, and General Sir Henry Stracey.

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The marriage arranged between Major W. A. Nicholls, D.S.O., R.H.A., only son of General Sir William Nicholls, K.C.B., and Lady Nicholls, of 79 Warwick road, S.W., and Hilda Evelyn, daughter of Brig.-General Gaussen, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., and Mrs. Gaussen, will take place at Brompton Parish Church on January 18th.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Louise Alexandra Robinson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Robinson, of Pittsburgh, Penn., U.S.A., to Captain Samuel Walter Abbott, of Winnipeg, Canada, only son of the late John A. Abbott, formerly of Lisduff House, Killimore, Co. Galway, Ireland.

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Dr. F. C. Purser has left town for one week.

"Worth Waiting For."—Switzer's Sale commences on Monday next.—Grafton street.

Gifts for the New Year at Holmes', George's street.

Alteration Clearance Sale now proceeding. Stock must be cleared regardless of cost.—Siberian Fur Co., 8 Grafton street, Dublin.

Sale, Sale, Sale. We are making very special reductions from to-day of all our Winter Goods. N.B.—We are clearing our stock of Wool Sports Coats and Jumpers at less than half cost price. Slyne, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

ARRIVALS AT KINGSTOWN BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.—Miss K. M. Taaffe, Miss D. J. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy.

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Queen Victoria has already become a memory to most people, and seems to belong to an era entirely past. Yet until yesterday there was still living one who was born two years before her, and whose husband was intimately associated with the first great function of her reign. This was Mrs. Mary Schallehn, widow of a famous bandmaster of the 17th Lancers, who conducted his band at the Coronation Ball in 1838.

London did not experience the full force of last night's gale, but the wind was pretty strong this morning. In Trafalgar square it was responsible for a scene that would have delighted a comic artist. A poor old sandwichman had one of his boards blown right over his head. A burly policeman advanced to his assistance, but was himself put out of action when the breeze caught his cape and treated it in the same manner.

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Later still, I came to know him personally, and, though he was then in the seventies, he still preserved the dapper figure and the mental alertness of a man half his age. He will be greatly missed by a host of friends, and by none more than his old comrade of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Sir Squire Bancroft, who survives him at the age of eighty.

DISTINGUISHED INVALIDS.

The Archbishop of Canterbury hoped to be well enough to take part in the Christmas Services at his Cathedral Church, but his health has again broken down, and he will be unable to do anything for some time. It is recognised that his health is failing, and the long holiday he took in Scotland in the early autumn to recruit did not effect the improvement expected. The Archbishop hopes to be well enough to preside at the wedding of Princess Mary; but, if not, his place will be taken by the Archbishop of York. The condition of the Bishop of London, another invalid, gives rise to some anxiety. He is suffering from bronchitis after influenza, following a long period of overwork. For the first time since he has been Bishop of London his children's party at Fulham Palace had to be abandoned yesterday.

Queen Victoria has already become a memory to most people, and seems to belong to an era entirely past. Yet until yesterday there was still living one who was born two years before her, and whose husband was intimately associated with the first great function of her reign. This was Mrs. Mary Schallehn, widow of a famous bandmaster of the 17th Lancers, who conducted his band at the Coronation Ball in 1838.

London did not experience the full force of last night's gale, but the wind was pretty strong this morning. In Trafalgar square it was responsible for a scene that would have delighted a comic artist. A poor old sandwichman had one of his boards blown right over his head. A burly policeman advanced to his assistance, but was himself put out of action when the breeze caught his cape and treated it in the same manner.

PREMIER'S FINAL WORD.

NO RE-OPENING OF IRISH QUESTION.

DAIL "HOLDS UP" AMNESTY.

PUBLIC BODIES DEMAND RATIFICATION.

An inquiry regarding the Irish situation has drawn an important reply from Mr. Lloyd George.

The Premier makes it clear that in the Peace Treaty the Government has said its final word.

Discussion cannot be re-opened, and an Ireland outside the Empire cannot be considered.

Further, the Dail's delay is "holding up" the transfer of executive responsibility to the Provisional Government, and is preventing the amnesty of interned men and prisoners.

In the meantime the country is demanding that its representatives in Dail Eireann shall ratify the Treaty. Several public bodies have expressed their views already, and still further meetings are announced for the immediate future.

THE UTMOST LIMITS.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

The following message was received in London yesterday from the Prime Minister, in response to an inquiry regarding the Irish situation:—

"No British statesman could go further than we have gone. No British statesman could consider any proposal involving Ireland being cut out of the Empire.

"The Treaty places Ireland on an equality with the other States of the Empire, gives Ireland the same claim to membership of the League of Nations, and every right that Canada has in law, fact, and constitutional practice, and not merely the rejection, but the alteration even, of the Treaty by Ireland or Great Britain would render it null and void. This would, indeed, be deplorable in the interests of both countries.

"The British Government have gone to their utmost limit in the Treaty, and to re-open the discussion, which was closed only after the most exhaustive consideration of every point, would be a fruitless proceeding, and is impossible.

"A Committee consisting of British Ministers, presided over by the Colonial Secretary, has been set up to deal with the evacuation of the British forces, the settling of an amnesty, and the making of all necessary arrangements on the British side for transferring full executive responsibility to an Irish Provisional Government.

"The work of this Committee, which has been in continuous session up to Christmas, and had proposed to sit through the Christmas holidays, is now unavoidably held up pending approval of the Treaty, but on approval it would be carried through with the utmost possible despatch.

"It is the intention of the Government to hand over, without delay, their responsibilities to the Provisional Government, which will function during the period of transition required for the setting up of the Irish Free State Administration."

KILLINEY URBAN COUNCIL.

DUTY OF THE DAIL.

Professor Pierce F. Purcell, Chairman, at a special meeting last evening of the Killiney Urban Council, moved a resolution in favour of the ratification of the Peace Treaty, and the Council unanimously adopted the motion.

The resolution was as follows:—

"That the best thanks and hearty congratulations of the Killiney and Ballybrack Urban Council be tendered to the Irish plenipotentiaries on the successful termination of their mission to London. In our opinion the Treaty secures to the Irish people the rights to free and unfettered self-government, with full powers to develop the resources and mould the institutions of the country to the needs and aspirations of the Irish people.

"Under the wise and paternal Government of the Irish Free State, we look to the future with confidence, and trust that the realisation of the common interests of our country will lead to the development of its resources and the prosperity of its people.

"Confident that the Treaty concluded at London confers the solid benefits flowing from peace and the full control of our own destinies, we call on our elected representative to vote for the ratification of the Treaty, and hope that the leaders of all shades of political thought in the country will come together and work for the reconstruction of trade and industry and the efficient government of our common land."

In supporting his motion, the Chairman said that they had heard a great many very solid reasons put forward for the adoption of the Treaty, and a number of views of a theoretical character expressed against it. They all well remembered the long-continued struggle that had been made to bring about a change in the government of the country so that they could secure control of their education, finances, import and export trade, so that they could develop the industry and resources of their own country. There was no need to draw attention to the consequences which might follow the non-ratification of the Treaty.

TREATY A GOOD ONE.

To his mind this Treaty was a good one, because it put all the power in their own hands, and they had complete control. He believed that people of all shades of opinion felt that the men who had spoken for the ratification of the Treaty were capable of continuing the government of the country until such time as some more permanent form might be adopted.

Some of the people who had spoken against ratification had shown themselves to be prepared to ignore entirely the freely-expressed views of the overwhelming majority of their constituents, who desired ratification. He thought that the overwhelming majority of the people of all classes and opinions wished the Treaty to be ratified, and that the new Government should be brought into operation at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Christopher Harmon, Vice-Chairman (Labour) seconded the motion. He said that he thought it would be madness to oppose the Treaty, especially when they considered that it was the almost unanimous wish of the people that it should be ratified. Those who went against the wishes of their constituents were unworthy to be called representatives of the people in the circumstances.

Mr. R. T. Meagher, Mr. S. M. Ashlin, Mr. Alfred E. Goodbody, and Mr. William Maher also supported the motion, which was adopted as the unanimous resolution of the Council.

ADVICE TO MR. CHILDERS.

At the meeting of the Athy Guardians on Wednesday, Mr. L. Heffernan proposed:—

"That we, the Athy Board of Guardians, hereby call on our representatives for South Kildare, Messrs. Arthur O'Connor and Erskine Childers, to vote for the ratification of the Treaty, as we are of opinion that it embodies the essentials of Ireland's freedom and safeguards Ireland's honour. We are further of opinion that 99 per cent. of the people whom you represent favour the ratification of the Treaty, and that failure to do so must be regarded as going against the expressed wishes and the best interests of your constituents."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. P. Dunne, who said that they had no Republican representatives in Ireland now, as Mr. de Valera and Mr. Griffith differed only about the oath of allegiance.

Mr. W. J. Fennell, J.P., supported the resolution. He thought that the entire county was in agreement with it.

Mr. C. J. Supple stated that he had sent a resolution of agreement with the Treaty to Mr. O'Connor on behalf of the Athy workers already.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

TRUCE OF SILENCE.

THE PEOPLE'S INFLUENCE.

The truce of silence which has been entered into by members of the Dail Eireann during the adjournment of their Parliament, is being carefully observed. The Sinn Fein leaders are not disposed to talk at present, and are apparently reserving themselves for the final contest which will begin on Tuesday.

In the meantime the voice of the country is making itself heard in favour of ratification. Much significance is attached to the decision of the South Cork Executive of Sinn Fein approving of the Treaty. The fact that Mr. Collins is member for this constituency lends additional weight to the decision, and it is probable that the other Executives in Cork will follow suit.

It is stated that the Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce is considering the summoning of a meeting to discuss the question of ratification. The Dublin County Council may also take action.

Pressure is being brought to bear upon members of Dail Eireann by various Irish-American bodies to oppose ratification. A cablegram was received yesterday by Mrs. Clarke from the National Convention of the Friends of Irish Freedom, held recently in New York, at which a resolution was passed denouncing the Treaty and resenting the "sinister purpose of England in bringing to a so-called settlement her relations with Ireland at the precise moment when the Armament Conference at Washington reaches its critical stage. It marks another step in England's attempt to control the foreign policy of America."

MR. DE VALERA'S POSITION.

The position of Mr. de Valera in regard to the present situation is being generally discussed. It is realised that it is a delicate one, as he is apparently a buffer between the extreme Republicans and the other wing of Dail Eireann which is in favour of the Treaty.

Were he to succeed in his effort to reject the Treaty, and should his alternative proposals then come up for discussion, it is obvious that some of his present supporters would find themselves in a position similar to that which they now occupy towards Mr. Griffith.

The situation at present suggests a sort of triangular contest between the Republicans, the ratifiers, and those in favour of Mr. de Valera's alternative scheme.

Mr. de Valera's party is apparently a small one, so that the main issue really lies between the adherents of the Treaty and the supporters of the Republic.

In view of the reports from the country—especially the resolutions of public bodies—opinion grows daily stronger that the Treaty will be ratified, as it is felt that the voice of the people will eventually prevail.

NAVAN SPEAKS.

RATIFICATION APPROVED.

A special meeting of the Navan Urban Council was held on Tuesday night to consider what action the Council should take with reference to the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

Mr. Seaghan MacNamidhe, chairman, said that before they discussed the matter he thought they should consider the seriousness of the question. There was no doubt that the controversy before the country at the present had behind it the sincerest men on both sides, and they ought not to say one word against the parties on either side. Any action they might take should be rather to mend matters than to endeavour to split the country. He proposed that—"In view of the gravity of the political situation, and bearing in mind the deplorable consequences that would arise in the event of a split on the question of ratification of the Treaty, now being discussed in public session by Dail Eireann, we, the Navan Urban District Council, in our capacity as representatives of the townspeople, earnestly appeal to our deputies not to jeopardise the future of our country by any action which might tend to throw our people into hostile camps. While we do not agree with all the details of the proposed pact, we think the acceptance of the bargain the only alternative to turmoil and chaos; and we trust our deputies, who may have conscientious objections to taking an oath of external or internal allegiance to the head of the associated States, will either refrain from voting against ratification or take immediate steps to ascertain the views of their constituents."

Mr. M. O'Donnell said that he considered that this was the most fateful time in Ireland's history, and it was the duty of every public body to take action and voice the people's views on a matter affecting the very life of the nation. This Treaty gave Ireland a chance, for the first time in 700 years, to develop her own life in her own way. The Treaty gave them fiscal control—control of the purse, and also control of their trade, commerce, and industry. It gave them a voice in the League of Nations, and it acknowledged the right of the Irish people to frame their own Constitution. It also gave their country an Irish army, under the control of the Irish Parliament. In short, they were given absolute control of everything within the four seas of Ireland.

The five Irish signatories to the Treaty were given full powers to negotiate and conclude a Treaty, and they performed their task with wonderful ability; and it was deplorable that there should be such disunion now as was shown in the public proceedings of the Dail in Dublin a week ago. The Irish people had listened to the Dail in Dublin, and it was now the duty of the Dail to listen to the people of Ireland.

A HARD TASK.

The task given to Mr. Griffith and his colleagues who signed the Treaty was as hard as was ever placed on the shoulders of men. They faced the task, though they could have shirked the responsibility, and they made up their minds to do what was best and right and to disregard criticism. Messrs. Griffith and Collins deserved the eternal gratitude of Irishmen at home and in every part of the world.

Since this Treaty appeared in print it had been acclaimed as a just, fair, and honourable pact by the nations of the world and by the overwhelming mass of the Irish people in America and all the British Dominions; and if the Treaty was rejected—if such a dreadful calamity should befall Ireland—they would lose the sympathy of the civilised world. In Ireland 90 per cent. of the people were strongly in favour of accepting the Treaty and having it ratified. The majority of the Roman Catholic bishops and priests, the Protestant bishops and people, the Jewish community, the Unionists of the South and West, the Irish Farmers' Union, and the majority of the Press—in fact, every business man engaged in the commercial and industrial life of Ireland that he had met was thoroughly in favour of the ratification of this Treaty.

The Unionists and Protestants of the South and West were quite willing to co-operate and help in the building up of the Irish Free State and in shaping her future destiny. Ireland needed the co-operation of every one of her sons.

To use the words of the Bishop of Killaloe, it would be madness—yes, national madness—to reject the Treaty.

It was the duty of all leaders of the people to consult their constituents in a grave and terrible crisis, and all opposed to the Treaty should carry out the wishes of their constituents, or else abstain from voting at all. "The Irish people," he concluded, "are the masters, and the Dail are the servants, and derive authority from the people, and are answerable to them."

Mr. Fox seconded the resolution.

Mr. L. Clarke proposed as an amendment—"That, as the members of Dail Eireann have unanimously agreed that controversial appeals for or against the Treaty should not be indulged in, we, the members of the Navan Urban District Council, agree not to take any action till after the 3rd January, 1922, the re-assembling of the Dail."

He said that he believed that discussion at the present time by councils or public bodies

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DEATH OF SIR JOHN HARE.

A RARELY GIFTED ACTOR.

Theatre-goers will learn with something more than ordinary sorrow of the death of Sir John Hare, after a brief illness, at his London residence yesterday.

Sir John was in his 77th year. He made his first appearance at the age of 19 at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Liverpool, and his last when he was 73 in "A Pair of Spectacles" at Wyndham's Theatre in 1917. Of his 76 years, therefore, the long span of 54 was given to the theatre.

No actor of his day possessed a finer sense of comedy than Hare, and no other made the actor's art so rare a counterfeit of nature.

It was his triumph in a school performance of "A Scrap of Paper," when he took the leading part of Colonel Blake at short notice, that induced his schoolmaster to suggest to his guardians that the boy should be encouraged in the dramatic art.

At 19 he was placed under the tuition of Leigh Murray, an actor of note, and after three months' preparation went to Liverpool to join a company which included Sir Squire (then Mr. Sydney) Bancroft and the late Lionel Brough. It is recorded that the young actor was dreadfully nervous at his first appearance—in "A Woman of Business"—and managed only to struggle through his part.

His first appearance in London was at the old Prince of Wales's Theatre, where he received the princely salary of £2. He appeared in a succession of plays by Tom Robertson, under the management of Miss Marie Wilton (Lady Bancroft) and H. J. Byron. He remained ten years at the Prince of Wales's, and established himself as a leading actor.

In 1875 he took the Court Theatre, in Sloane square, and became an actor-manager. His company included Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, Miss Amy Fawsitt, Miss Ellen Terry, and Mr. Charles Kelly. The most conspicuous success of his management was "Olivia." His tenancy of the Court ceased in 1879, when his successful partnership began with Mr. W. H. Kendal at the St. James's Theatre.

FAME AT THE GARRICK.

In 1889 he opened, and became manager of, the Garrick Theatre, and at this period he may be said to have consummated his fame.

The Garrick was opened on April 24, 1889, with Pinero's "The Profligate." Then came "La Tosca," but it was with Sydney Grundy's "A Pair of Spectacles" that he came into his own. This, with Pinero's "Gay Lord Quex," will be the most enduring in the modern playgoer's memory of Sir John Hare's studies. Meanwhile, he encouraged English authors—Pinero, again, with "Lady Bountiful" and "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith"; R. C. Carton, with "Robin Goodfellow"; Sydney Grundy, with "A Fool's Paradise."

He persuaded Lady Bancroft to return to the stage for revivals of "Diplomacy" and "Money."

A visit to America usefully enriched him, but he declared that the eccentricities of American diet and the discomforts of travel impaired his health. His last "original" parts were in "The Marionettes" at the Comedy and in "The Adoredone" at the Duke of York's Theatre.

In 1907 King Edward recognised the brilliant talents and high character of John Hare by conferring on him the honour of knighthood.

In addition to his widow (whom he married in 1864), Sir John Hare leaves a son and two daughters.

CALCUTTA'S MEMORIAL.

OPENED BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

CALCUTTA, Wednesday.

In opening the All-India Victoria Memorial this morning, the Prince of Wales performed the most historically interesting function of his visit to Calcutta. This superb pile, occupying a dominant position on the Maidan, is generally conceded to be second only to the Taj Mahal in architectural glory. Indeed, it is built of marble from the Jodhpur Makrana quarry, as is the Taj. Though in the Italian renaissance style so far as its main outline are concerned, the vast structure, with its symmetrical distribution, domes, façades, and wonderful sculptural ornaments, has a distinct Mogul touch.

Shining like alabaster in the sun, it has a mournful valedictory suggestion for Calcutta, being regarded as a monument to her departed dignity as the capital of the Indian Empire. The foundation stone was laid by the King-Emperor in 1905. Lord Curzon, who conceived the idea of the memorial, received warm support from the Ruling Princes and from all classes throughout India.

The memorial forms a museum commemorative of India's glory. Portraits of the old Emperors of Delhi, founders of native States, great Generals and soldiers, and men of historical fame who worked in India in the Victorian Era have been collected by the indefatigable labours of Lord Curzon. King Edward led the collection by giving paintings of Queen Victoria, her marriage, Coronation, and Jubilees, and of his own christening and his marriage with Queen Alexandra. King George and Queen Mary have also contributed munificently. Armour, coinage, sculpture, and the like from the time of the earliest Guptas have been garnered in this Valhalla of India.

OPENING CEREMONY.

The opening ceremony was on a scale of spectacular magnificence worthy of the event. Shortly before eleven the Prince of Wales, attended by a large and brilliant staff, left Government House amid the firing of thirty-one guns from Fort William, and proceeded along the road Casuarina avenue to Queen's Way, the route being lined by British and Indian troops, behind which were assembled immense cheering crowds. On the memorial being reached trumpeters sounded a sonorous fanfare as the Governor of Bengal, surrounded by a most distinguished group, received His Royal Highness. Passing through a resplendent guard of honour the Prince and Lord Ronaldshay took their seats on a dais. His Excellency then presented the trustees and others engaged in the work.

The Governor read an address, presenting the Prince with an exquisite casket, to which His Royal Highness replied.

To a further fanfare the procession formed up again, and the Prince, receiving a richly-jewelled key from Sir Rajendranath Mookerjee, unlocked the door, a salute of 101 guns booming forth, while the massed bands played the National Anthem.

The Royal party, passing through the North Gate, entered Queen's Hall, whence a tour was made of the interior. On the party leaving to return to Government House an enthusiastic crowd tried to close in upon the procession, the escort only interfering with them as much as was required to keep them moving.

The remainder of the day the Prince spent informally playing polo in the cool of the afternoon, and holding a levée after dinner.

Calcutta is quite normal.

RIFLE FIRING AND A BOMB.

NO PERSON INJURED.

Last night, says our Belfast Correspondent, there was some firing from Northumberland street, a Protestant locality, in the direction of the Falls road, a Roman Catholic area. In all five shots, which the police declare were rifle shots, were heard, but there were no casualties.

A bomb was thrown, but failed to explode. Several shops were raided by armed men, who succeeded in some cases in securing small sums of money.

HEAVY WEATHER IN THE LIFFEY.

There was quite a storm in the River Liffey itself yesterday. A large volume of water came from the upper reaches of the river, and this, combined with the effects of the heavy weather prevailing at sea, caused the swamping and sinking of a Guinness lighter, loaded with porter, near the Four Courts.

The port ferry boat service broke down at the dinner hour, and many labourers were unable to make the crossing. An intermittent service was maintained higher up the river during the afternoon.

Returning holiday makers had rough passages from Holyhead yesterday.

NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE.

ROME, Wednesday.

The Pope has entrusted Father Bertrand with a plan for founding a Roman Catholic College at the University of Madras, to be opened to all creeds and nationalities.

The Pope has made a substantial contribution towards the cost involved.—(Exchange.)

NEW CAPITAL OF THE CONGO.

BRUSSELS, Wednesday.

The *Soir* states that M. Dippens, Governor of the Congo, has decided that Kinshasa, which is likely before long to form a single locality with Leopoldville, is shortly to become the capital of the Congo, instead of Boma.—(Reuter.)

IRISH RAILWAY CRISIS.

TRADERS ALARMED.

The intense feeling among Irish railwaymen over the recent arbitration award on hours and conditions may lead to an unofficial stoppage of work. The Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen will meet in London on January 2nd to consider the situation. The Committee cannot meet earlier, as its constitution will be changed at the end of the year.

At Unity House, London, yesterday, an official stated that there was reason to believe that many of the Irish members were determined to have a fight over the hours question, and a belief was expressed that there might be developments in the direction of a strike on New Year's Eve, of which there has been a good deal of talk, but it was explained that such a movement would be without the authority of the union.

The later award on wages, which increases the "stop" rates in connection with the operation of the sliding scale, is regarded as not unfavourable, and if trouble arises it is stated that it will probably be entirely over hours of duty.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

No definite information was available in Dublin yesterday. The threat of the Irish Council of the National Union of Railwaymen to call a strike should it consider it necessary to do so has caused considerable uneasiness in commercial and trading circles in Ireland.

The trouble arises from dissatisfaction with the award of Mr. W. Carrigan, K.C., determining conditions of employment and rates of wages and salaries. One of the chief objections appears to be the alteration in the working hours. The railwaymen want to retain the eight-hour day.

The Irish Council of the National Union of Railwaymen met in the offices of the union, Beresford place, Dublin, yesterday morning to discuss the situation, and adjourned at six o'clock until this morning. The proceedings were conducted in private, and at the conclusion the following official report was issued:—

"The Irish Council of the N.U.R. have been in session to-day, considering the threatened crisis, which up to the moment remains unchanged. Certain important developments have taken place to-day, which are engaging the serious consideration of the Council, and a full statement will be issued at the earliest possible moment. Meantime our members must not be guided by unofficial Press reports. We wish to point out that certain statements which have been appearing in the Press these last few days are erroneous. The situation is fully dealt with, and our members can rest assured of receiving full instructions at the earliest possible moment.

"(Signed) R. Hennessy (Chairman), T. C. Daly, W. Walsh, M. Glynn, W. Donaldson, P. Cuchenan, J. Walsh, L. J. Larkin, Irish Council N.U.R."

Mr. J. Bermingham, the Irish Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, declined to add anything to this report, or to make any statement beyond the information that it contains.

PROPOSED WAGE CUTS.

DUBLIN CORPORATION WORKMEN.

The wages paid by the Dublin Corporation to its employés will be raised at Monday's meeting by Alderman Hubbard Clark, who has given notice that he will move that all wages paid to employés of all grades and classes (other than Class 3) be fixed at 100 per cent. over those paid in July, 1914. In the case of Class 3 he suggests the wages be fixed at 100 per cent. over those prescribed in the report establishing that class. It is also proposed that all war bonuses on wages be discontinued, and that bonuses of allowances now paid on salaries be reduced by 50 per cent.

In this connection a letter will be read from the General Secretary of the Dublin Corporation Branch of the Local Government Officials' (Ireland) Trade Union with reference to the question of the stabilisation of salaries in the Corporation service.

MARINE ENGINEERS' CASE.

There is considerable resentment among the marine engineers at the Port of Belfast at the proposals for a further "cut" in wages. At a mass meeting of sea-going engineers, members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union and Marine Engineers' Association, it was pointed out that wages had been reduced in May last by £3 10s. on monthly ships, and 8s. 6d. per week on weekly ships, while overtime had been abolished, which meant a loss in wages in many cases of over £1 per week. The latest proposal is to cut wages to the extent of £4 per month for chief engineers and second engineers; £5 for third engineers, and £5 10s. for junior officers, which would bring the last mentioned group virtually down to a pre-war level. A resolution was passed declaring that drastic methods should be adopted to prevent any further cuts in wages of engineering officers, and calling on the Executive Committee to act accordingly.

66 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA.

SUCCEEDS TO FAMILY ESTATES AT 87.

Tortworth Court, at Falfield, in Gloucestershire, one of the great English country seats, is being prepared for the return of the new Lord Ducie, a man of 87, who at 21 left this country for Australia and has not been back to England since (says the *Daily Mail*). He is expected home about March.

Lord Ducie, formerly the Hon. Berkeley Basil Moreton, succeeded to the title in October last on the death of his brother, the third Earl of Ducie, who was 94.

In spite of his long absence he is anticipating little change in his old house. "Country people in England have not changed very much," he told an Australian interviewer. "Things at my family seat, Tortworth, Gloucestershire, will probably be altered very little from the period when I knew them as a lad.

"I'm feeling quite capable of making the trip satisfactorily. My only trouble is a touch of rheumatism. People are telling me that I shall feel cold in England, but I don't think so. I always preferred cold weather in Queensland to the warmer months, and I don't know that I shall feel so strange as might be expected after all the years intervening."

The new Lord Ducie landed at Sydney when he went to Australia in 1855, and from there rode on horseback to Wagga, on the Murrumbidgee. He gained a few years' experience on a sheep station on the Murrumbidgee, and later made his home in Queensland. He took up politics in 1870, and he has held many official positions, including those of Colonial Secretary and Minister of Public Instruction for Queensland and Postmaster-General there.

Tortworth, the family seat, has 63 bedrooms. In the spacious park is a remarkable collection of trees, including very many foreign trees. With its ornamental gardens and its lovely prospect of woodland and lake the house, which is comparatively modern and has taken the place of a much older structure, is very attractively situated.

GREEK PRELATE'S MISSION.

ATHENS, Sunday.

Mgr. Chrysanthos, the Metropolitan of Trebizond, is leaving to-day for London to lay before the Archbishop of Canterbury the Greek Government's views on the election of the Oecumenical Patriarch, and on the matter of a *rapprochement* between the Churches.—(Reuter.)

N.S.W. INCOME TAX INCREASE.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

Mr. Dooley, Premier of New South Wales, states that the deficit of £2,000,000 in the Budget will be met by increasing the tax on incomes exceeding £780 a year.—(Reuter.)

S.A. COAL STRIKE THREAT.

JOHANNESBURG, Wednesday.

A strike in the coalfields has been threatened for some time in connection with a reduction of 5s. a shift, which comes into force on Sunday.

Mr. Duncan, Minister of the Interior, to-day had a conference with the industrial federations and trade unions concerned.—(Reuter.)

BURGENLAND SETTLEMENT.

Reuter's Agency learns that arrangements have now been made by which the Oedenburg plebiscite area will be handed over to Hungary on Sunday. The Allied troops, which have been superintending the holding of the plebiscite, will leave some days later.

LORD RIDDELL'S RETURN.

On board the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's steamer Orbita, which will arrive at Southampton from New York on Sunday morning, will be Lord Riddell, a member of the British Mission to the Disarmament Conference.

BRIGANDAGE IN DONEGAL.

TERROR'S REIGN.

MURDER & PLUNDER.

County Donegal is lapsing into a state of utter lawlessness. During the last week nearly a score of outrages have been reported, and the police seem to be unable to cope with the situation.

Law-abiding citizens go in terror of their lives. Bands of desperadoes, who are well supplied with arms and ammunition, swoop down upon isolated farms at night in search of plunder, and when they are opposed they do not hesitate to commit murder. The latest case is reported to-day.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Lynch, a widow, who has a public-house at St. Johnstone, was awakened by loud knocks at the door. Looking through her bedroom window, she saw a number of men, and when she asked who they were and what they wanted, one of the gang gave the names of several of her friends. Thinking that the men had been at a dance and that they had met with a mishap on the road, she went downstairs and opened the door.

As soon as the leader of the party had crossed the threshold he produced a revolver, and, covering Mrs. Lynch, ordered her to put up her hands. The terrified woman obeyed.

Other members of the gang then ransacked the house. They did their work thoroughly. Locked drawers were forced open and articles to the value of £90 were removed. The robbers also took a quantity of whiskey. Before they left the house the leader cautioned Mrs. Lynch that she must not attempt to communicate with the police for an hour.

This is not an isolated case; it is typical of what occurs nightly in various parts of the county.

Our Strabane Correspondent says that within the last few days the robber gangs have become bolder than ever. In a number of cases they have entered farmsteads in broad daylight and destroyed farm implements—apparently with the object of showing that they can act with virtual impunity.

The difficulties of the police in running these gangs to earth are great. The mountains abound with hiding-places, and it would require a brigade of infantry to make a thorough search of them.

INDIAN CONGRESS.

HEROIC SPEECHES.

AHMEDABAD, Tuesday.

The Indian Nationalist Congress opened here this afternoon, with Mr. Ajmal Khan acting as President in the place of Mr. S. R. Das, who was arrested on December 10th on a charge of managing and organising an unlawful association.

Twelve thousand persons were packed into a vast tent, made of a hand-spun and handwoven material known as khadder. The marquee was illuminated by electric light.

Mr. Ajmal, speaking in Urdu, welcomed the Government policy of repression, which, he said, strengthened the people's determination to continue the struggle with greater vigour. He was proud that Egypt had followed the example set by India of non-violent non-co-operation.

India, he concluded, was experiencing birth pangs, and Young India would revive the glorious traditions of the ancient country.

Mrs. Naidu read messages to the Congress from Mr. Das and his wife, both of whom exhorted all to act "now or never" by joining the Khilafat Volunteers, and suspending their other normal activities.

The Congress then adjourned.—(Reuter.)

"DEAR, DIRTY DUBLIN."

RAIN DOES SCAVENGERS' WORK.

After yesterday's fine spell and the effect which the strong north-west wind had on the streets, it may seem ungracious to hark back to the filthy condition of the roadways and sidewalks of Dublin during the previous week. They were in a disgraceful condition, and the complaints of the public were loud and frequent.

The footwalks were coated thickly with greasy mud, and the pedestrian who had to wade through it found himself plentifully bespattered from the knees down.

The carriage ways, in certain places, were even worse. The wheels of motor cars sent the dirty stuff a distance of several feet on either side of their tracks, and many a nice garment was befouled in that way. No wonder that people complained and asked if the Corporation had lately abrogated its functions.

The water channels at the sides of the roads yesterday were the resting places of the rubbish which the night's rain had washed into them. The heavy rain was a God-send, because it scoured the footways and the roadways of their muddy coatings, and pedestrians were thankful to the weather, which gave them clean, dry footpaths.

The holidays for the Corporation staff extended till this morning, and it is to be hoped that the members of the Cleansing Department will apply themselves with vigour to the important duty of keeping the streets in a proper condition.

SMUGGLED TOBACCO.

IRISHMAN FINED AT HOLYHEAD.

At Holyhead yesterday John Harrington, Clodher, County Sligo, was charged with smuggling 13lbs. of tobacco.

Evidence was given by Frederick Cecil Hayes, of the local Customs, to the effect that he questioned the defendant, who replied that he had no firearms or ammunition. On examining the contents of a portmanteau, the witness discovered 16 plugs of tobacco. The defendant could not produce any evidence of duty having been paid.

Replying to Mr. Oliver Thomas, defending, the witness said that there was no attempt at concealment on defendant's part.

The price of the tobacco was £1 6s. 0d., and the duty amounted to £7 14s. 4d.

The defendant's story was that he had arrived at Southampton on the Adriatic, and had proceeded to Bolton, where he met some men in a public-house. He went with them to a shop and bought the tobacco, paying 6s. 2d. for the 16 plugs.

He was searched, as usual, at Southampton.

He believed that the name of the tradesman was Roberts. The shop was more like a private house. The Customs officer said that he had been instructed to press for the payment of the full amount of the treble duty and costs, amounting to in all £27 1s. 0d.

An order was made accordingly, the tobacco to be confiscated.

INGERSOLL PETITION.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

A receiver was appointed yesterday to administer the affairs of Messrs. Robert Ingersoll and Brother, on the application of the National City Bank, the Chase National Bank, and other creditors, who alleged that the firm's liabilities amount to £600,000 and its assets to £500,000.

The company has admitted inability to meet its liabilities, and has requested that it be adjudged bankrupt.

The attorney representing the creditors has declared that the first step to be taken will be the adoption of a reorganisation scheme which will assure the continued operation of the company's plants.

The company's affairs have been in the hands of a creditors' committee since May 1.—(Reuter.)

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned at an inquest in Accrington yesterday on the body of Mr. Joseph Rothwell, cotton manufacturer, who fell and broke his neck while looking through a window at a Christmas entertainment which his brother-in-law, Mr. Waddington, M.P., was giving to some children.

INFLAMMATORY POSTERS.

EXTREMISTS' TACTICS IN CAIRO.

Although no further outbreaks of violence are reported from Egypt, the situation remains tense.

Cairo has been placarded with notices calling on Egyptians to "rise and kill their oppressors."

Zaghlul's leaders have held a meeting, but no one has been appointed as chief of the movement.

Disorderly elements attacked girls' schools on Christmas Day, and military and police had to be summoned to disperse the crowds and escort the children to their homes.

EGYPT QUIETER.

MINOR DEMONSTRATIONS.

CAIRO, Wednesday.

The situation is now nearly normal. The tramway service has been partially resumed, and cabs have re-appeared in the streets.

A demonstration of women teachers took place at Alexandria to-day. Four arrests were made.

An Armenian shopkeeper, in the Saptieh quarter of Cairo, fired on a crowd, which retaliated by burning down the shop.

There were no casualties in Egypt to-day.

Inflammatory posters have been placarded in certain quarters of Cairo, calling on Egyptians to rise and kill their aggressors.

Seven Zaglulist dissentients have rejoined the two remaining members of Zaglul's delegation, and are holding meetings at Zaglul's house, though no leader has yet been appointed.

The adviser to the Ministry of the Interior has issued a number of instructions to the Press, any infringement of which is punishable by the military authorities.

GIRLS' SCHOOLS ATTACKED

MILITARY DISPERSE RIOTERS.

It is only possible to deal generally with the excesses of the past few days, but the following illustrations give some idea of the random and indiscriminate actions of the rioters.

On Christmas Day a mob, composed of low-class Arabs, with a sprinkling of schoolboys and Effendis, attacked the Abbas Girls' School, and attempted to remove the pupils. Their designs were frustrated by the staff. Both teachers and pupils were exposed to considerable danger from stones and the glass of broken windows.

The mob then endeavoured to set fire to the building by throwing in petroleum and lighted matches. A member of the staff was violently attacked. The police were unable to disperse the attackers, and the military were eventually summoned. They removed the pupils to their homes.

A similar attack was made on the Sania Girls' School. A furious mob bombarded the main entrance with sticks and stones. Windows were broken, and stones hurled inside.

The school staff was extremely anxious for the safety of the pupils, but mounted police eventually dispersed the rioters. The police remained on guard until the teachers and pupils had been removed.

Considerable difficulty was encountered in sending the pupils to their homes on Christmas Day from the boys' infant school. The drivers of the school omnibuses refused to leave without armed escorts owing to previous attacks. An armed escort was granted, but not until 6.30 in the afternoon were the school authorities assured that the pupils, all of whom were under seven years of age, were safely deposited in their homes.

The omnibuses were attacked at three different quarters, but the rioters were kept off by the police.

BERLIN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The *Petit Parisien* learns from Berlin that a demonstration on the part of Egyptian students occurred yesterday in front of the British Embassy. Pamphlets were distributed in the crowd, and students shouted for the independence of Egypt.—(Reuter.)

LENIN'S BLUSTER.

"BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE."

HELSINGFORS, Wednesday.

A wireless message from Moscow says that Lenin, in a speech at the 9th Russian Soviet Congress yesterday, remarked that they were ready to make important concessions and very great sacrifices, but not at random, or without reason. "Let the Governments of Finland, Poland, and Rumania, who sent against the Soviet bands of White Guards, take that as said."

They were determined to preserve peace by all means, but if the necessity was forced upon them, they would call up their last man in order to defend their Republic.

Lenin also declared that the great progress achieved last year in regard to economic relations with foreign countries augured well in this matter for the future. Whether they wished it or not, bourgeois Governments of Europe must, at some time or another, come to an understanding with the representatives of Germany and the Soviets.—(Reuter.)

PREMIER'S BRIEF REST.

DELEGATES ASSEMBLING AT CANNES.

Delegates to the meeting of the Supreme Council, which has been called for January 6, are arriving at Cannes. Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Winston Churchill, and Lord French are already there. The first-named played golf yesterday morning and visited Nice in the afternoon.

Sir Robert Horne and Mr. Harvey, the American Ambassador, left London yesterday, and Sir L. Worthington-Evans will go to-day. The American delegation is expected to arrive this afternoon.

The Belgian Cabinet met yesterday and appointed M. Theunis, Premier, and M. Jaspar, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to represent it at the Conference.

PRINCESS MARY

IRISH COMMAND'S WEDDING GIFT.

Her Royal Highness Princess Mary having graciously consented to accept a wedding present from the officers of His Majesty's Army, subscriptions, which are limited in each case to one shilling, are invited from officers of the Regular Army, Special Reserve, and Territorial Army in the Irish Command. Contributions from officers who are not on the active list should be forwarded direct to Captain R. F. Nation, Assistant Military Secretary, General Headquarters, Parkgate street, Dublin, not later than January 7, 1922.

SON SAW MOTHER MURDERED.

Respecting the death of Rosina Ackerman, a Bristol coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of wilful murder and suicide against Frank Hepper (32).

Hepper had cohabited with the woman since she separated from her husband. There were frequent quarrels, and Hepper had threatened the woman's life and his own. After they had been drinking together on Monday night there was a row, and the woman, bleeding profusely, rushed from the house, screaming "He has killed me," and expired.

Later Hepper was found shot in a bedroom.

An eight-year-old son of the woman, who was in bed with her when she was attacked, was uninjured.

CELLULOID FIRE VICTIMS.

The Sheffield Coroner yesterday opened the inquiry into the deaths of the four victims of the recent fatal fire at the Progress Works, Sheffield.

The evidence showed that in one small cutlery shop some of the employés were having tea, and one took a kettle containing hot water from the fire. From the bottom of the kettle a live coal dropped on to some celluloid, and in a few minutes the whole four-storey building was in flames. Of 100 people in the building all but four were rescued.

The inquest was adjourned.

JAMAICA'S FINANCIAL CRISIS.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Tuesday.

Mr. Wood, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, left to-day for St. Kitts.

In a final interview, Mr. Wood admitted that Jamaica's financial position was grave. Drastic retrenchment, he said, was necessary.

FROM TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

MORE SUBMARINES.

FRANCE'S CLAIM.

"THE TIMES" OF TO-DAY SAYS:—

France, it is declared, wants a strong submarine navy, not merely to protect the passage of troops from her African possessions to Europe, but to defend Madagascar and her Indo-Chinese Empire. Many sailors, we imagine, will question its efficiency for either purpose. The lesson of the war, as Mr. Balfour, who speaks with knowledge, declared last week, is that the only object for which the submarine is valuable is the destruction of commerce, a function which it can seldom perform, with safety to itself, except by resort to the methods of barbarism that France condemns as severely as we do ourselves.

The sincerity of her protests that she regards a war with England as an inconceivable act of insanity is not doubted; but since Germany has been disarmed at sea, it is not immediately apparent who is the potential enemy against whom she feels it incumbent upon her to prepare for defence, either in her home waters or in the Indian Ocean. We regret her decision for many reasons.

Although the settlement as to capital ships is definite, subject to ratification, which will follow in this country as a matter of course, the prospect of a large reduction in our Naval expenditure is seriously darkened by the failure of the Conference to fix a low *ratio* for submarines and auxiliaries.

It seems to have been suggested in Washington that France hopes to use the submarine question at Cannes as an asset with which to bargain. That is most improbable. The present temper of France would not tolerate resort to such a weapon, even if Ministers had been foolish enough to contemplate its use. According to present information, it is not to Cannes, but to another International Conference, that we must adjourn the hopes of a settlement of the whole question, not only of submarines, but of auxiliaries.

EGYPTIAN TROUBLE.

EXERCISING BRITISH AUTHORITY.

The Times, in a leading article dealing with the trouble in Egypt, says:—A demonstration of force is necessary for the maintenance of outward order and the defence of life and property, but alone it will certainly not remedy what has become a very disquieting situation. The deportation of Zaghlul may serve a good purpose. His unbridled personal ambition and his perpetual intrigues account for a great deal of the trouble that has afflicted Egypt this year. Compared with the Hindu Gandhi he is a very commonplace agitator, and his idealism is open to grave doubts.

For the present the firm measures applied to him appear to have disconcerted some of his closest associates, who, rather than share his punishment, have submitted to the *régime* of silence imposed upon them. Yet it is hardly an encouraging sign, considering Egyptian conditions, that Zaghlul's wife has declared her intention of taking his place as leader of the extremist movement.

The best that can be hoped for is that, while the forces of disorder are being held in check by the direct exercise of British authority, the Moderates may gradually realise the true significance of the recent declaration of British policy, and may organise in order to take advantage of the promises it contains.

GERMANY'S NEW FAILURE.

FALL IN COKE SUPPLIES.

A new failure on the part of Germany to meet her obligations under the Treaty will shortly be considered by the Reparation Commission, says the Paris Correspondent of *The Times*. The Commission fixed at 15,000 tons a day the quantity of coke which the German Kohlensyndicat had to furnish. This fuel is indispensable for the metallurgical industries of Lorraine and Luxemburg, which before the war used to get 24,000 tons of coke a day from Germany. At the beginning of this month Germany pleaded that difficulties of transport, etc., prevented her from making full deliveries, and the quantity supplied went down to 8,000 tons daily.

Then there was an increase to 12,000 tons, but during the last fortnight there has once more been a systematic reduction to between 9,000 and 10,000 tons. Suggestions are being made here that the German industrial magnates, such as Stinnes, are deliberately curtailing deliveries, in the hope thereby of injuring the French metallurgical industry.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE.

The New York Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—According to despatches from Washington, the American Government views with great optimism the prospects of an early resumption of trade between the United States and Russia. The Correspondent of the *New York Journal of Commerce* says that, while the Government has no official reports, information transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Hoover, through the American relief organisations and other agencies, indicates a change of policy on the part of the Soviet authorities, which will ultimately make commercial relations possible.

It is now understood that the capital and goods of American firms trading with Russia will be afforded protection, and a large number of concerns have already been formed in the United States ready to begin operations when the moment arrives. The good feeling towards Americans in Russia caused by their large efforts to relieve the famine is counted on by American business men to give them an excellent start in their bid for trade with new Russia.

EMPTY AUSTRALIA.

SUGGESTED IMMIGRATION SCHEME.

In a letter to *The Times* on "Empty Australia," Sir James Connolly, Agent-General for Western Australia, writes:—As Lord Northcliffe says, the two essentials that are indispensable for a successful immigration scheme are careful selection at this end and kindly and just treatment in the Dominions. It would be selfish and unpatriotic in the extreme to attempt to hold our rich Continent for its present population of 5¼ million people.

Speaking from my ten years' practical experience, both as Minister and Agent-General, I emphatically agree with Lord Northcliffe's estimate, that Australia can take 100,000 immigrants a year, and that within a few years the number can be brought up to 250,000. Western Australia is even now taking her ratio of 100,000; in fact, prior to the war she took a fair proportion of double that number.

EUROPEAN POLITICS.

The *Morning Post*, commenting on the fact that a final European Conference may be held which would include Russia and Germany, says:—The scheme involves directly the recognition of the Bolsheviks and, indirectly, a revision of the Treaty of Versailles, for such a combination means a new orientation of European politics. There can be no blinking of the political consequences which will inevitably follow, and an exploited Russia will in time become an ally of Germany.

TO-DAY'S RACING SELECTIONS.

FOLKESTONE.

SPORTSMAN.	MAN ON THE SPOT.
1. 0—Tim, if absent Raeburn's Glass.	Raeburn's Glass.
1.30—Ardenian.	Rathcore.
2. 0—Poole's selected.	Top Hole.
2.30—White Ronald, if ab. Burberry.	White Ronald.
3. 0—St. Swift.	The Fly III.
3.25—Topical Charlie.	Abbey Island.

SPORTING LIFE.	MAN ON THE SPOT.
1. 0—Rushyford.	Tim.
1.30—Rathcore.	Flying Winkfield.
2. 0—Top Hole.	Top Hole, nap.
2.30—Linggi's Boy.	White Ronald.
3. 0—St. Swift.	Silken Prince.
3.25—Tollet, nap.	Abbey Island.

BY AIR TO THE POLE.

CHRISTIANIA, Wednesday.

Two airmen who are to take part in Captain Ronald Amundsen's expedition to the North Pole are leaving for San Francisco on January 10. It has been decided that the Expedition shall be provided with two aeroplanes, both of which will be procured in America.

A naval engineer is also to accompany the Expedition, and, perhaps, a naval officer.—(Reuter.)

EVERY MAN HIS OWN LANDLORD

DUBLIN'S NOVEL SCHEME.

PURCHASE BY INSTALMENT.

EXPECTED SAVING TO THE RATES.

The Town Clerk of Dublin has drafted a scheme under which the existing tenants of self-contained cottages erected by the Corporation under the Housing Acts will be given facilities for the purchase of the premises in their occupation.

His view is that the responsibility of ownership will, naturally, induce tenants to take greater interest in the care of their dwellings and obviate to a large extent the expenditure on repairs which the present conditions of tenancy involves.

The terms of purchase are based on annuities virtually corresponding to twice the Poor Law valuation, and reserve a ground rent approximating to one-fourth of the Poor Law valuation.

The scheme has been under consideration by the Housing Committee, whose report will come before Monday's Corporation meeting.

The report states:—

"The proposed conditions of sale contemplate that the purchasing tenant shall have the right to dispose of his proprietary interest at any time he may choose to do so. The sale will be subject to the consent of the Corporation; and it is provided that such consent will be given only in cases where the Corporation is satisfied that the purchaser is to be the occupier of the premises. This arrangement will ensure that no benefit to be derived from the scheme will accrue to any person other than an occupier.

"The present position with regard to income and expenditure (exclusive of capital charges) on the 1,172 cottages proposed to be sold is as follows:—Receipts—Annual rents, £20,694; outlay, £14,372; net revenue, £6,322. Outlay—maintenance, £5,460; supervision, £1,420; insurance, £250; rates (1921-22), £7,242. Total—£14,372.

"It is estimated that the total net revenue (again ignoring capital charges) derivable from the annuities and ground rents will be about £14,435 12s. 6d.

"We have had the scheme carefully examined by a Special Sub-Committee, who, after making slight modifications, unanimously expressed their approval of it. We accordingly submit the approved scheme for the sanction of the Municipal Council, and suggest that it should be put into operation as from the 1st of April next."

TO ENCOURAGE HOUSE-BUILDING.

Alderman William O'Connor will move at Monday's meeting of the Dublin Corporation that all houses built by private capital not exceeding £10 valuation, deemed suitable for the artisan and working classes, be exempted from municipal rates for a period of ten years.

HUNGARIAN PROPERTY.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTICE.

Under the Treaty of Peace Order (Hungary), 1921, the Board of Trade call upon all persons or Corporations within the United Kingdom who hold or have under their control or management any property, rights or interests, including shares, stocks, debentures or other securities belonging to, or held on account of Hungarian Nationals, or who are indebted to any such persons in respect of pre-war transactions or contracts, to communicate the facts in writing, giving full particulars to the Administrator of Hungarian Property, Cornwall House, Stamford street, London, S.E.1, unless a return of such property has already been made to the Public Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy Acts, 1914-18.

All persons whom this notice may concern are hereby warned that failure to furnish such particulars renders the persons in default liable on summary conviction to a fine of £100.

N.B.—This notice concerns the property in the United Kingdom of all Hungarians who are resident in the United Kingdom, as well as those resident abroad, irrespective of whether or not they were at any time interned, and is addressed to all Hungarians who have property rights and interests in the United Kingdom, as well as to other persons who hold any such property rights or interests on their behalf.

It does not apply to property brought into this country from a neutral or ex-enemy country since August 6th, 1919, or property acquired with funds brought into this country from a neutral or ex-enemy country since that date.

Forms upon which the particulars should be supplied may be had on application to the Administrator of Hungarian Property, Cornwall House, Stamford street, London, S.E.1.

THE "HOLD UP" HABIT.

MAN ARRESTED IN DUBLIN.

Some excitement was caused in Dublin shortly before 12 o'clock last night by a man trying to "hold-up" vehicles at the corner of Mary street and Capel street.

He first directed his attention to a military motor cyclist, but the soldier rode past him. Then a taxi-cab came on the scene, and the driver, when called upon to stop, also drove rapidly past. The man, it is said, thereupon fired a shot from a revolver, but the bullet went wide.

A bystander knocked the man down, and he was taken into custody by a policeman.

BURST STEAM PIPE.

TWO MEN FATALLY SCALDED.

Two men lost their lives as the result of a steam pipe bursting at Messrs Foster's Denholme Mills, near Bradford, yesterday. A steam valve under the engine room, which was tested and found in good order on Tuesday, burst yesterday, and John Bryden, mechanic, was found dead under the engine room floor, while Edwin Kershaw, mechanic, died later. Both were dreadfully scalded. Several other workmen were scalded.

FAMINE RELIEF.

ITALIAN - RUSSIAN CONVENTIONS.

ROME, Tuesday.

The *Journal Communists* publishes the text of a commercial agreement recently signed between Italy and Russia. Each country will appoint a delegation of its nationals to ensure the execution of the Treaty, which provides that those admitted into the territory of the two countries shall be free from any kind of civil or military interference.

M. Woronski, the Russian representative, and the President of the Italian Red Cross, have signed a convention dealing with the operations in Russia of a Relief Mission of the Italian Red Cross, which will instal in South Russia eighteen kitchens and offices for the preparation and distribution of food to the famine-stricken populations. Medical aid will also be afforded.

PURSUIT OF THE MOPLAHS.

CALCUTTA, Tuesday.

A detachment of Gurkhas, in an attack on a band of rebel Moplahs, killed 22. Other minor engagements are reported, in which a number of Moplahs were killed or taken prisoners.

Surrenders of considerable bodies of rebels in various districts continue.—(Reuter.)

EXPLOSION ON EX-GERMAN CRUISER.

Mysterious explosions occurred on the ex-German cruiser Heligoland, lying in Torbay, on Friday last when steam was being raised for weighing anchor preparatory to continuing the towage to Liverpool, where the vessel will be broken up. The explosions completely wrecked one boiler and seriously damaged another, besides severely injuring the Chief Engineer, a Dutchman, named Verhey, who lies in Brixton Cottage Hospital. The Heligoland is still in Torbay, awaiting the arrival of a third tug.

would only tend to provoke a split, which nobody wished. Mr. O'Donnell had said that members of the Dail should leave it to their constituents. If the Dail did not represent their constituents, then the Navan Urban Council did not represent the people of Navan. There were only five members at that meeting.

Mr. Clusker supported the resolution.

No member seconded the amendment.

The Chairman declared the resolution passed.

The Clerk was directed to send copies of the resolution to—E. Duggan, Justin McKenna, J. J. Kelly (Cctig), Peter Hughes, and Alderman Murphy, deputies for Louth and Meath.

GALWAY.

COUNTY COUNCIL TO MEET.

A special meeting of Galway County Council has been called for Friday next at 12 o'clock to consider the Peace Treaty, when it is understood that a resolution of ratification will be brought forward. It is understood that the majority of members for the County Galway will vote in favour of the Treaty. Three members only have been mentioned as being definitely against it, and these will have the opportunity of hearing the views of their constituents, who are overwhelmingly in favour of peace, during the short period before the resumption of the Dail.

A rumour has been circulated throughout the West to the effect that all those who had been against the Treaty will withdraw their opposition when the Dail resumes. This is regarded by some as an attempt to stem the torrent of opinion in favour of ratification.

TUAM'S DEMAND.

A WORD TO REPRESENTATIVES.

A full meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners last night unanimously called on the Galway representatives in Dail Eireann to support the motion for ratification of the Treaty, and demanded that the view of the vast majority of the people of the county be not misrepresented by the county representatives.

The Commissioners also sent the following to Dr. Bryan Cusack, M.P. for the constituency:—"At a meeting to-night it was stated that you were going to vote against ratification of the Treaty, and the Commissioners wish to inform you that the people of Tuam, who were amongst your most ardent supporters in the 1918 election, are almost unanimously in favour of ratification. By opposing the Treaty you are acting in direct opposition to their wishes and to the wishes of the men who worked so hard for your return at that time. The Commissioners demand that you do not misrepresent the views of your constituents in Tuam."

Mountbellew Board of Guardians and District Council also unanimously approved the ratification, and called on the Galway representatives to support it.

Mr. Fahy, Chairman, said that they all recognised that the terms did not come to the standard of the Irish people's aspirations, but they were a big advance in that direction.

Mr. Costello—I think the people would think twice before they would fire another shot.

Mr. Fahy—There are a great many things in the Treaty that I do not like, but rather than see the country go back again to war I would support it. Even if the Treaty is ratified it will not bring permanent peace to Ireland. It is only an instalment.

Mr. Killalea—It was perfectly understood before the Conference that the question of a Republic would not be discussed. Mr. de Valera is not standing for a Republic. I understand that he wants to be associated voluntarily in the nations comprising the British Empire. It is not Mr. de Valera but the country that is our master.

Mr. Quinn—We do not want any more bloodshed. Why did not Mr. de Valera go over himself? I say he is as much bound by the terms as the plenipotentiaries.

Mr. Fahy—We have no fault to find with the leaders on both sides, but Mr. Lloyd George did a most diabolical act to break the unity of Ireland. He will fail this time.

TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Tuam Traders' Association it was proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. James Moran, and passed unanimously:

"That this meeting of the Traders' Association hereby declares its approval of the Treaty, and demands that the representatives of County Galway in An Dail should vote for ratification, as this meeting considers that by doing so they will voice the will of the people of this county and will serve the best interests of the country. Whilst advocating unity in the Irish ranks, we demand that the view of the vast majority of the people of this county be not misrepresented by the county representatives; and it is further resolved that copies of this resolution be immediately forwarded to Messrs. J. B. Whelehan, Dr. Bryan Cusack, P. O'Maillie, P. Hogan, L. Mellowes, T. Nicholas, and Frank Fahy."

CASTLEREA AND THE TREATY.

Public opinion in Castlerea is solid for the ratification of the Treaty, says our correspondent. From conversations I have had with the country people of the surrounding districts, I have gathered that opposition to the settlement has virtually no support.

SOUTH CORK.

TO END THE FEUD OF CENTURIES

The South Cork Executive of Sinn Fein, for which constituency Mr. Michael Collins is member of Parliament, have unanimously passed the following resolution:—"That we approve of the Treaty. We are satisfied that the Treaty does not give us everything satisfactory to the aspirations of the Irish people, but under the present circumstances we see no other alternative, and we are of opinion that the Irish representatives will give it their earliest consideration, and, if at all possible, be unanimous in the decision they arrive at, as we believe that any division in the Irish ranks at the present time will lead to disorder and chaos that might well prove disastrous to the future of the Irish nation.

"We further believe that the feud of centuries would be ended by ratifying the Treaty.

"We are of opinion that success has crowned the efforts of the brave Irishmen who forced the British Empire to call a truce in Ireland and agree to a Treaty which gives Ireland charge of her own affairs, and which also binds the army of occupation to take its departure from the shores of the Irish Free State."

QUEENSTOWN TAKES ACTION.

At a largely attended meeting of the Queenstown branch of the Sinn Fein organisation, held in the Town Hall last night, at which the Sinn Fein representatives on the Urban District Council were present, it was decided to support ratification of the Treaty, as signed by the Irish plenipotentiaries.

A special meeting of the Urban Council has been summoned to consider the advisability of passing a resolution in support of ratification of the Treaty. The decision was practically unanimous.

KILKENNY'S VIEW.

NO SACRIFICE OF HONOUR.

By eighteen votes to one Kilkenny County Council yesterday adopted the following resolution at a private meeting, which lasted almost two and a half hours:—

"That this Council, voicing the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the people, sees no alternative to the ratification of the Treaty but chaos, and hence calls on Alderman W. T. Cosgrave, Commandant Eamonn Aylward, Mr. James Lennon, and Commandant-General Gearoid O'Sullivan to carry out the wishes of their constituents by voting for ratification. We consider that, having due regard to the circumstances which led to the signing of the Treaty, its ratification involves no sacrifice of honour. The people of Ireland, under a Free State Government, will be free to maintain and act on their national principles. The Treaty does not involve a *ne plus ultra*. At the same time, we appeal to President de Valera to do everything in his power to preserve unity and prevent the appalling consequences of a split. Copies of this resolution to be sent to President de Valera, Messrs. Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, the Minister of Publicity, the Carlow County Council, and the Press."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. James Walsh, Templeorum, and seconded by Mr. John F. Drennan. Mr. James Donovan, Ballyroughagh, dissented.

COUNTY TYRONE.

TREATY APPROVED.

A largely attended meeting of Nationalists and Sinn Feiners was held in St. Patrick's Hall, Omagh, on Tuesday night to consider the Treaty. The Very Rev. P. O'Doherty, P.P., presided. A motion demanding ratification of the Treaty and calling upon An Dail to arrange that the members for the two constituencies should be allowed to voice the views of the people of both in the event of a division was passed.

A special meeting of Tyrone County Council

OLD FALSE TEETH WANTED.
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DETECTIVES' HUNT.

FATE OF MISS WILKINS.

SEARCH FOR CLUES.

GREY CAR MYSTERY.

So far Scotland Yard has failed to find the murderer of Miss Irene May Wilkins.

One of the smartest detectives in England has taken charge of the case, but it is obvious that he has not obtained what may be regarded as a trustworthy clue to the murderer's whereabouts.

Yesterday the Bournemouth police made a vigorous search for a six-cylinder Sunbeam motor car which, according to a taxi-driver, Miss Wilkins entered when she left the station.

They are also hunting for a mysterious grey car which visited the station on the evening of the murder and on previous evenings and for a third car—a two-seater—the driver of which is supposed to have spoken to Miss Wilkins.

It is thought that the murderer may have motored to London after he had committed the crime.

GARAGES SEARCHED.

MEN EXAMINED, BUT NO ARREST.

A message that was sent from Bournemouth last night says:—At present there appears to be no further development in the exhaustive search which is being made for the murderer of Miss I. Wilkins.

A methodical search for the wanted six-cylinder Sunbeam car, which bears an identification mark containing the letter "X"—a rather vague description, but the only one available—has been occupying the attention of the police to-day. Of course, the driver of the car also (as described by a local taxi-driver, who states that he saw a person answering Miss Wilkins's description entering the car on the fateful evening at Bournemouth Central Station) has also been diligently searched for, and several men have been questioned, but with no definite result.

Private cars, garages, and visiting and departing cars are being scrutinised very thoroughly, and there are frequent callers at the local police stations with cars with "X" in the identification number in order to eliminate their machines from the search.

The police have also still in mind a large grey car, which is stated to have had a Middlesex identification plate. It was seen calling at the railway station several times lately and going away without picking up anyone.

Inquiries have also been made at the local newsagents' shops with the hope of gaining some information as to the purchaser of the London paper which contained the advertisement that resulted in Miss Wilkins being lured to her death.

The Boscombe Post Office officials are unable to remember anything of the sender of the decoy telegram.

Stories from taxi-drivers at the Central Station continue to multiply, but too much credence must not be placed in them.

Yesterday the police made special search for any trace of the blunt instrument with which the crime is supposed to have been committed, and also for the attaché case which Miss Wilkins took with her from London. It contained some clothing, and probably the fatal telegram which brought her to Bournemouth.

Up to now no success has attended these efforts.

The body of Miss Wilkins arrived at Waterloo Station, London, at 8.20 last night. A motor hearse was in waiting, and to this the coffin, which was of light oak, was borne. The fact that the coffin was that of the victim of the Bournemouth tragedy was not generally known, and the hearse drove off without attracting much attention.

RACIAL EQUALITY IN LAW.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.

DELHI, Tuesday.

In compliance with a non-official resolution of the Legislative Assembly, the India Government has appointed a Committee of officials and non-officials to report upon possible modifications of the criminal procedure code with a view to securing equality of status at criminal trials of Europeans and Indians, a principle which the Indian Government has already accepted.—(Reuter.)

has been called to consider a resolution in favour of the Treaty, and expressing the view "that, while the Treaty does not satisfy the rightful claim of the nation to complete freedom, it gives the Irish Free State control of all vital national affairs and provides such opportunities for national development as will eventually secure a full measure of Ireland's rights, and bring about an enduring peace between Ireland and Great Britain."

TIPPERARY FARMERS.

At a meeting of the Killeen (Nenagh) Branch North Tipperary Farmers' Association on Tuesday night, Mr. Thomas Mulcahy presiding, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Edward Bourke, seconded by the Chairman:—

"That we, the members of the Killeen Branch, Farmers' Association, call on the Deputies representing North Tipperary to vote for the ratification of the Peace Treaty at the meeting of Dail Eireann on January 3rd."

OTHER DISTRICTS.

FOR RATIFICATION.

Innishowen and Milford Rural Councils, both in Donegal, have passed resolutions urging ratification of the Treaty.

A meeting of Leitrim County Council has been called for Friday next, and one of the items on the agenda provides for discussion of "matters in connection with the Treaty between Ireland and Great Britain, and passing such resolution (if any) as may be decided upon regarding ratification or rejection thereof."

Presiding at the Dungarvan Council meeting for the first time since his release from Ballykinlar Internment Camp, Mr. Michael Brennock referred to the political crisis.

He regretted, he said, that the Government in Dublin were not unanimous in carrying out the wishes of the people. Personalities did not matter a twopenny piece in grave questions of this kind. It was the cause of the people that was paramount.

A meeting of Birr Urban Council has been specially called by the Chairman, Mr. John Dooly, on requisition, for to-morrow evening, to discuss the Peace Treaty. It is understood that arrangements are being made for a public meeting on Saturday for a similar purpose.

People in Tullamore and North King's County are slow to express definite opinions regarding the Treaty, but, as far as one could judge, says our Correspondent, there is a big majority who believe that if the measure is put in operation the Irish people will be placed in a position which will enable them to promote their material interests and prosperity to an extent which can hardly be realised at present.

FARMERS' MEETINGS.

A public meeting of the farmers and ratepayers of Queen's County will be held at Maryborough on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of calling on Dail Eireann "to ratify the Treaty in the best interests of the country."

The Co. Kilkenny farmers will also hold a meeting on Saturday, to decide on the action to be taken in connection with the Treaty. The meeting will be held in Kilkenny Courthouse at 3 o'clock.

On Monday at noon a meeting of the Co. Dublin farmers will be held at 37 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, for the purpose of calling on Dail Eireann to ratify the Treaty.

MR. J. L. FAWCETT AND THE TREATY.

Mr. J. L. Fawcett, who was formerly Sinn Fein Consul at New York, in the course of some notes on the Irish Peace Treaty, says that it gives Ireland a *status* internationally that formerly was denied her. With the signing and ratification of this Treaty Ireland passes from the stage of being a domestic problem of England's to a sovereign *status* internationally.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
The College will be closed during Christmas Week. All Classes will resume on Monday, January 2nd.—(Advt.)

PEACE TREATY.

FREE STATE'S RIGHTS AND STATUS.

OFFICIAL TEXT.

In response to a widespread request, we reprint below the text of the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland which, signed by the British and Irish delegations in London on December 6, has already been ratified at Westminster, and now awaits ratification by Dail Eireann before it can become effective.

1. Ireland shall have the same constitutional status in the community of nations known as the British Empire as the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa, with a Parliament having powers to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of Ireland, and an Executive responsible to that Parliament, and shall be styled and known as the Irish Free State.

2. Subject to the provisions hereinafter set out, the position of the Irish Free State in relation to the Imperial Parliament and Government, and otherwise, shall be that of the Dominion of Canada, and the law, practice, and constitutional usage governing the relationship of the Crown or the representative of the Crown and of the Imperial Parliament to the Dominion of Canada shall govern their relationship to the Irish Free State.

3. The representative of the Crown in Ireland shall be appointed in like manner as the Governor-General of Canada, and in accordance with the practice observed in the making of such appointments.

4. The oath to be taken by members of the Parliament of the Irish Free State shall be in the following form:—

"I . . . do solemnly swear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the Irish Free State as by law established, and that I will be faithful to His Majesty King George V., his heirs and successors by law, in virtue of the common citizenship of Ireland with Great Britain, and her adherence to and membership of the group of nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations."

PUBLIC DEBT.

LIABILITY OF FREE STATE.

5. The Irish Free State shall assume liability for the service of the public debt of the United Kingdom as existing at the date hereof, and towards the payment of war pensions as existing at that date, in such proportion as may be fair and equitable, having regard to any just claims on the part of Ireland by way of set-off or counter-claim, the amount of such sums being determined, in default of agreement, by the arbitration of one or more independent persons being citizens of the British Empire.

6. Until an arrangement has been made between the British and Irish Governments, whereby the Irish Free State undertakes her own coastal defence, the defence by sea of Great Britain and Ireland shall be undertaken by His Majesty's Imperial Forces, but this shall not prevent the construction or maintenance by the Government of the Irish Free State of such vessels as are necessary for the protection of the revenue or the fisheries.

The foregoing provisions of this article shall be reviewed at a conference of representatives of the British and Irish Governments, to be held at the expiration of five years from the date hereof, with a view to the undertaking by Ireland of a share in her own coastal defence.

7. The Government of the Irish Free State shall afford to His Majesty's Imperial Forces—

(a) In time of peace such harbour and other facilities as are indicated in the annex hereto, or such other facilities as may from time to time be agreed between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State; and

(b) In the event of war, or of strained relations with a foreign Power, such harbour and other facilities as the British Government may require for the purposes of such defence, as aforesaid.

8. With a view to securing the observance of the principle of international limitation of armaments, if the Government of the Irish Free State establishes and maintains a military defence force, the establishments thereof shall not exceed in size such proportion of the military establishments maintained in Great Britain as that which the population of Ireland bears to the population of Great Britain.

OPEN PORTS.

COMPENSATING OFFICIALS.

9. The ports of Great Britain and the Irish Free State shall be freely open to the ships of the other country on payment of the customary port and other dues.

10. The Government of the Irish Free State agrees to pay fair compensation on terms not less favourable than those accorded by the Act of 1920, to judges, officials, members of police forces, and other public servants who are discharged by it, or who retire in consequence of the change of Government effected in pursuance hereof:

Provided that this agreement shall not apply to members of the Auxiliary Police Force, or to persons recruited in Great Britain for the Royal Irish Constabulary during the two years next preceding the date hereof. The British Government will assume responsibility for such compensation or pensions as may be payable to any of these excepted persons.

11. Until the expiration of one month from the passing of the Act of Parliament for the ratification of this instrument, the powers of the Parliament and the Government of the Irish Free State shall not be exercisable as respects Northern Ireland, and the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, shall, so far as they relate to Northern Ireland, remain in full force and effect, and no election shall be held for the return of members to serve in the Parliament of the Irish Free State for constituencies in Northern Ireland unless a resolution is passed by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in favour of the holding of such elections before the end of the said month.

12. If, before the expiration of the said month, an Address is presented to His Majesty by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland to that effect, the powers of the Parliament and the Government of the Irish Free State shall no longer extend to Northern Ireland, and the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920 (including those relating to the Council of Ireland) shall so far as they relate to Northern Ireland, continue to be of full force and effect, and this instrument shall have effect, subject to the necessary modifications.

BOUNDARIES.

THE COMMISSION.

Provided that if such an Address is so presented, a Commission consisting of three persons, one to be appointed by the Government of the Irish Free State, one to be appointed by the Government of Northern Ireland, and one (who shall be chairman) to be appointed by the British Government, shall determine, in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants, so far as may be compatible with economic and geographic conditions, the boundaries between Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland, and for the purpose of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of this instrument, the boundary of Northern Ireland shall be such as may be determined by such Commission.

13. For the purpose of the last foregoing article, the powers of the Parliament of Southern Ireland under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, to elect members of the Council of Ireland shall, after the Parliament of the Irish Free State is constituted, be exercised by that Parliament.

14. After the expiration of the said month, if no such Address as is mentioned in Article 12 hereof is presented, the Parliament and Government of Northern Ireland shall continue to exercise, as respects Northern Ireland, the powers conferred on them by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, but the Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State shall, in Northern Ireland, have in relation to matters in respect of which the Parliament of Northern Ireland has not power to make laws under that Act (including matters which, under the said Act, are within the jurisdiction of the Council of Ireland), the same powers as in the rest of Ireland, subject to such other provisions as may be agreed in manner hereinafter appearing.

15. At any time after the date hereof the Government of Northern Ireland and the Provisional Government of Southern Ireland hereinafter constituted may meet for the purpose of discussing the provisions subject to which the last foregoing article is to operate in the event of no such Address as is therein mentioned being presented, and those provisions may include:—

(a) Safeguards with regard to patronage in Northern Ireland.

(b) Safeguards with regard to the collection of revenue in Northern Ireland.

(c) Safeguards with regard to import and export duties affecting the trade or industry of Northern Ireland.

(d) Safeguards for minorities in Northern Ireland.

(e) The settlement of the financial relations between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State.

(f) The establishment and powers of a local Militia in Northern Ireland, and the relation of the defence forces of the Irish Free State and of Northern Ireland respectively. And if at any such meeting provisions are agreed to, the same shall have effect as if they were included amongst the provisions, subject to which the powers of the Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State are to be exercisable in Northern Ireland under Article 14 hereof.

16. Neither the Parliament of the Irish Free State nor the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall make any law so as, either directly or indirectly, to endow any religion, or prohibit or restrict the free exercise thereof, or give any preference or impose any disability on account of religious belief or religious status, or affect prejudicially the right of any child to attend a school receiving public money without attending the religious instruction at the school, or make any discrimination as respects State aid between schools under the management of different religious denominations, or divert from any religious denomination or any educational institution any of its property, except for public utility purposes, and on payment of compensation.

17. By way of provisional arrangement for the administration of Southern Ireland during the interval which must elapse between the date hereof and the constitution of a Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State in accordance therewith, steps shall be taken forthwith for summoning a meeting of members of Parliament elected for constituencies in Southern Ireland since the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and for constituting a Provisional Government, and the British Government shall take the steps necessary to transfer to such Provisional Government the powers and machinery requisite for the discharge of its duties; provided that every member of such Provisional Government shall have signified in writing his or her acceptance of this instrument. But this arrangement shall not continue in force beyond the expiration of twelve months from the date hereof.

18. This instrument shall be submitted forthwith by His Majesty's Government for the approval of Parliament, and by the Irish signatories to a meeting, summoned for the purpose, of the members elected to sit in the House of Commons of Southern Ireland, and, if approved, shall be ratified by the necessary legislation.

ANNEX.

PORTS AND DEFENCES.

1. The following are the specific facilities required:—Dockyard port at the Berehaven—(a) Admiralty property and rights to be retained as at the date hereof. Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties.

Queenstown—(b) Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties. Certain mooring buoys to be retained for use of His Majesty's ships.

Belfast Lough—(c) Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties.

Lough Swilly—(d) Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties.

Aviation—(e) Facilities in the neighbourhood of the above ports for coastal defence by air.

Oil Fuel Storage—(f) Haulbowline, Rathmullen, to be offered for sale to commercial companies under guarantee that purchasers shall maintain a certain minimum stock for Admiralty purposes.

2. A Convention shall be made between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State to give effect to the conditions—

(a) That submarine cables shall not be landed or wireless stations for communications with places outside Ireland be established except by agreement with the British Government; that the existing cable landing rights and wireless concessions shall not be withdrawn except by agreement with the British Government, and that the British Government shall be entitled to land additional submarine cables or establish additional wireless stations for communication with places outside Ireland.

(b) That lighthouses, buoys, beacons, and any navigational marks or navigational aids shall be maintained by the Government of the Irish Free State as at the date hereof, and shall not be removed or added to, except by agreement with the British Government.

(c) That war signal stations shall be closed down, and left in charge of care and maintenance parties, the Government of the Irish Free State being offered the option of taking them over and working them for commercial purposes, subject to Admiralty inspection, and guaranteeing the upkeep of existing telegraphic communication therewith.

3. A Convention shall be made between the same Governments for the regulation of civil communication by air.

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COAST PATROL DUTIES.

WHY FRANCE NEEDS SUBMARINES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

The French delegation received instructions from its Government this evening concerning the submarine question. The nature of the instructions has not been announced, but it was stated in responsible circles, after M. Sarraut and Admiral le Bon had conferred with Mr. Hughes, that France would not accept the American suggestion to maintain the *status quo* in regard to submersibles.

The French Naval experts are stated to hold the view that each country is entitled to say for itself how many defensive craft are needed, taking into consideration the extent of the coast line of both the Homeland and the Colonial possessions.

Thus the effort of the Conference to limit the number and uses of submarines has ended in failure, and the American delegations have said that the discussion is now definitely closed.

The Naval Limitations Committee met to-day. M. Sarraut is understood to have presented an apparently final declaration that France could not accept less than 330,000 tons auxiliary craft, in addition to 90,000 tons submarines.

The British and Japanese delegations are reported to have stated that, in view of the French position, they would both feel compelled to reserve their action on the tonnage ratio for auxiliary craft.

The American proposal, that auxiliary vessels shall not carry guns greater than 8-inch, was under discussion when the Committee adjourned.

The French delegation has declared its adherence to the capital ship ratio, in spite of a disagreement over submarines, but with the reservation that France desired to begin rebuilding replacements in 1927, although it explains that this does not mean that there is any intention of placing them in the water before the replacement period, provided under the capital ship agreement.

OBITUARY.

COLONEL C. H. KNOX.

The death took place at Inveruisk, Killiney, County Dublin, after a long illness, of Colonel Charles Howe Knox, D.L., of Creagh, Ballinrobe, County Mayo, in his 82nd year. He was educated at Harrow and Christ Church, Oxford. He joined the 8th (Royal Irish) Hussars, and was A.D.C. on Lord Spencer's staff when he was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. In 1885 he was appointed Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Battalion Connaught Rangers. He married, in 1869, Henrietta Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Right Hon. Sir William Gibson-Craig, Bart. Colonel Knox was a D.L. and J.P. for the County of Mayo, and he acted as High Sheriff in 1873.

MR. H. G. COOK.

We regret to announce the death, in his 61st year, of Mr. H. G. Cook, which occurred on Tuesday at his residence, 27 Longford terrace, Monkstown. Mr. Cook was Secretary to the Irish Lights Board for a considerable period, and on resigning the position last year was elected a Commissioner of that body. In his younger days he was closely identified with the athletic life of Ireland, and his enthusiasm in the cause of Rugby football and rowing was unbounded. Indeed, he was in a large measure responsible for the growth and development in this country of these great pastimes, and by none will his death be regretted more than by the old members of the Wanderers Football Club, with whom he worked and played for so long. He joined that club in 1882, having previously played for Kingstown, a club which was such a power in those days, and was elected President twelve years later. Mr. Cook succeeded the late Mr. R. M. Peter as Hon. Secretary of the Irish Rugby Union, a position which he filled with distinction for several years, during which the best interests of the game were advanced. As a player he earned the reputation of being a really good club man, and in 1884 he got his International cap against Wales.

Rowing in Ireland owes much to Mr. Cook. He did excellent service, both as a member of the old Pembroke Club, which had its headquarters at Ringsend, and in bringing about the establishment of the Irish Rowing Union. A fine oarsman himself, he figured in many Pembroke winning crews, and later he did inestimable service in advancing the *status* of the sport. He was the first Secretary of the Union, and after holding that post for ten years became Hon. Treasurer, and acted in that capacity until 1918. Mr. Cook was an old member of the Phœnix Cricket Club, of which he was Hon. Secretary for a time. A man of much grace and charm, his death will be sincerely deplored by a large circle of friends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE SENSE OF THE NATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—One of the gravest charges made against the Government of Ireland at the time of the Union was that it refused to "collect the sense of the nation" and ascertain the views of the constituencies upon the question of the Union. The Government held a kind of General Election among the close boroughs (with electorates ranging from one to thirteen), which they had arranged to buy, but refused to dissolve the Parliament of Ireland and take the vote of the large bodies of electors in the Counties and Free Towns upon the question of Union.

The suggestion to dissolve Parliament for this purpose was regarded by Ministers as outrageous, although Grattan, Forster and their followers in Opposition declared their willingness to abide the decision of the country. Ministers replied that the proposal was "seditious," "Jacobinical," "revolutionary," and "traitorous," while one scandalised close borough member, who did excellently out of the business, denounced the suggestion as "damnable." Mr. William Smith, member for the close borough of Donegal who, as a reward for his Union services, was placed upon the bench as a Baron of the Exchequer, assured the House that in the proposal to appeal to the constituencies upon the question of Union he discerned "a plain subversion of the powers of the aristocracy." "In the exorbitant liberty of the people," Mr. Smith, who represented thirteen electors, all controlled by the Earl of Arran, "beheld the slavery of the peerage."

To-day, when it is sought to undo that fatal work of the Union, many of those who are believed to represent a democracy are as eager as the pioneers of the Union ever were to defy the rightful control that constituents should have, and to act contrary to their wishes, interests and desires. The electorates will have read with amazement the declarations of some of their representatives whose action is rightly called by the Bishop of Killaloe a "callous disregard openly avowed by some deputies for the national will and the wishes of their constituents on this question" of the Treaty.

The position is especially significant in the face of the circumstances attending the last return of members to *Dáil Eireann*. Strictly speaking, there was no "election." The appeal to the country was made during a veritable reign of terror. There was only one set of candidates, and in the absence of any contest these candidates were returned unopposed. The decision was arrived at upon the nomination papers, and I believe that not a single ballot-paper was filled in the twenty-six counties of "Southern Ireland." There was no alternative plan before the country, and those who signed the nomination papers were at the time in danger of being seized and thrown into prison without trial or accusation.

Furthermore, there were no means available in the case of double returns for vacating one of the two seats for which a representative had been returned, or for moving a writ for a new election. That the second constituency should be deprived of its voice, although its representative is actually sitting in the House, is certainly another grave infringement of its rights.

In the founding of a new State and a new constitution there is a great opportunity, not for violating the rights of constituents, but for safeguarding them. The original plan of representation provided that an actual resident in a city, borough, or county was elected and went to Parliament upon his own business and that of his constituents. He was paid "wages" by his constituents, ten shillings *per* day to the Knight of the Shire, representing the County, and 7s. 6d. *per* day to the "citizen" or "burgess," representing the city or borough. This payment was not a reward for services rendered, but rather an indemnification against loss when the representative attended Parliament on the business of his county, city, or borough. This payment afforded the proper control which constituents ought to possess, and it is a well authenticated fact that Parliamentary corruption followed speedily after this control was eliminated. It was then that the "carpet-bagger" hurried in from the ends of the Kingdom to provide a self-supporting representative, who frequently found recompense for his self-sacrifice in the Civil List and Consolidated Fund, if not in the pages of the peerage.

Now that the country is offered chaos as a policy, the constituencies should make it plain that they are masters and their commands shall be obeyed. The "friends of liberty" were fond of saying that the "voice of the people is as the voice of God." It is neither good sense nor good manners to try to silence the democratic deity; for, as the Bishop of Cloyne most truly says, "the people are the fountain and source of national authority." There can be no other in any State which claims or deserves to be free.—Yours, etc.,

CRAWFORD HARTNELL.

37 Belgrave square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, December 28th, 1921.

TRINITY COLLEGE AND THE IRISH FREE STATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It may, perhaps, be of interest in the momentary lull in the development of the present crisis to call attention to the fact that the recent resolution of the Board of Trinity College, enunciating, so far as the influence of its members extends, the attitude that should be adopted in relation to the establishment of an Irish Free State is not a *volte face*, but is in accordance with the very best traditions of the College, both before and after the Union. A few facts little known, which are worthy of being held in remembrance, will, I think, demonstrate this position.

Sir William Molyneux, the author of "The Case of Ireland Stated"—the ablest argument ever produced in favour of Irish independence—was, when that work was published in 1698, one of the members for Trinity College, and till his death sat in the Irish House of Commons as member for the College. It is now all but forgotten that Mr. George Knox, who was member for Trinity College at the time of the Union (and who vehemently opposed that measure), in 1793, when Roman Catholics were admitted to the Parliamentary franchise in Ireland, but excluded from the Houses of Parliament, proposed a motion to introduce into the Government's Franchise Bill a clause admitting Roman Catholics to Parliament. The whole weight of the Government, however, was thrown against him, and he was defeated by 163 to 69. It is a remarkable fact that Mr. Arthur Wesley—the name by which the future Duke of Wellington, then member for Trim, is always known in the Irish Parliamentary debates—was put forward by the Government as the chief opponent of Mr. Knox's motion. Mr. Lecky thinks it would be curious to know whether Wellington remembered this incident in 1829, when, through fear of civil war, he was constrained to make Roman Catholic Emancipation a cardinal measure of the policy of his Government. "Wellington," writes Mr. Lecky, "was compelled himself to set the fatal example of yielding to the fear of rebellion a measure which he had pledged himself to oppose. If the Catholic question had been settled in 1793 (as Mr. Knox desired) the whole subsequent history of Ireland would probably have been changed."

In 1793 Trinity College, Dublin—in advance by two generations of Oxford and Cambridge—admitted Roman Catholics to education within her walls and to a degree.

In the beginning of 1799 the electors of Trinity College, who then consisted only of the Fellows and Scholars, addressed their members—a course adopted by the Board of Trinity College in their recent resolution—calling on them to oppose the Union. In 1799 Mr. George Knox and Mr. Arthur Browne, the members for Trinity College, both spoke and voted against the Union. In the following year Mr. Arthur Browne changed his side and supported the Union, but he acknowledged in the House of Commons that he was acting in opposition to the wishes of the majority of his constituents. Mr. Arthur Browne was rewarded for the betrayal of his trust by the great office of Prime Serjeant (now long abolished), whose holder took precedence of the Law Officers of the Crown.

Swift, Burke, Flood, and Grattan were educated in Trinity College. Temple Emmet, Wolfe Tone, Robert Emmet, Isaac Butt (who at one time filled a Chair in Trinity College) would unquestionably, had they so desired, have won the Fellowship of the College of which Thomas Osborne Davis and Redmond were graduates. Plunket, when the most powerful advocate in Parliament of Roman Catholic Emancipation, was member for Trinity College.

O'Connell, in a letter written on the 19th October, 1846, a few months before his death, speaks with the greatest affection of Dr. MacDonnell, then a Senior Fellow of the College, and subsequently, from 1852 till his death in 1867, the Provost. O'Connell, writing to Sir Benjamin Hawes, M.P., Under-Secretary for the Colonies, asking for an extension of leave of absence from the Gambia to Mr. (Sir) Hercules MacDonnell, subsequently a distinguished Colonial Governor, a son of Dr. MacDonnell, says:—"He is the son of a most particular friend and one of the most respectable gentlemen in the University. The father has for several years past been a Senior Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, having never mitigated the kindness of his friendship for me, though he says he knows he has two faults in my eyes—first, that he is a Protestant parson; secondly, that he is a wicked anti-Repealer. You will not find fault with him on either ground, and I certainly do not esteem him the less for the one or the other, knowing, as I do, that he is a high-minded gentleman." A son of Provost MacDonnell, in a letter to Mr. J. W. Fitzpatrick, says:—"My father had a great admiration for O'Connell, and O'Connell never forgot that, while a Fellow of Trinity College and a 'Protestant parson,' he had signed the petition for Catholic Emancipation so far back as 1813, when few in his position would have had the courage to do so."—Yours, etc.,

J. G. SWIFT MACNEILL.

Dublin, December 28th, 1921.

FREIGHT CHARGES FOR CATTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I desire to draw attention to the charges which are at present made for the transit of cattle by the railway and steamship companies. The pre-war charge on a waggon of cattle from Ballyshannon to Derry was 27s. 6d.; in 1921 it was £3 19s. 3d., lately reduced to £3 10s. 8d.; but it still is 175% increase. The steamship freight was, in 1914, 8s. 4d. *per* fat beast. Now it is £1 4s. 9d. *per* beast—just 200% increase over pre-war freight, irrespective of charges for loading, unloading, dues, etc., all of which have been increased.

In fact, it takes £3 now to rail, ship, and sell a fat beast in Glasgow. Are these excessive charges justifiable, in view of the fallen, and still falling, markets? Can nothing be done to compel the railway and steamship companies to reduce their charges?—Yours, etc.,

"A SHIPPER."

Co. Galway, December 27th, 1921.

THE DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As announced in your advertising columns, the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway are withdrawing from the 2nd January the ordinary season ticket facilities. From that date season ticket-holders are to be compelled to book for a period of one month only, such booking being at the highest rate at which season tickets are issued. For example, a second class ticket to Bray for twelve months costs £22 15s. and for one month £2 12s. 6d., the latter working out at £31 10s. *per annum*. When you take into consideration that in 1919 the former only cost £14 8s., and was then a considerable increase on the pre-war rate, it would appear as if the company desires to drive the principal source of its revenue elsewhere. At a time when running expenses, such as coal, wages, salaries, etc., have been reduced, such an increase in fares is wholly indefensible. I understand that this change is only the prelude to still more drastic changes; but, if they are to follow on the same principle as the wisdom which suggested, in the guise of economy, the cutting out of important trains during the "rush" hours of the day and the starting in the middle of the winter of an hourly Sunday service to Bray at a time when there are few to use it, then it is no wonder that the company cannot make ends meet.

It is time that the residents of Bray, Greystones, and intermediate stations combined to make their voices heard when their interests are being so callously disregarded. The company may then be shown the folly of applying to its small line conditions which are suitable only to the London Tubes.—Yours, etc.,

A. E. ROBINSON.

Glencairn, Bray, December 28th, 1921.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED EASY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Stocks opened firm with broad trading, an advance of 1 to 3 points embracing all issues. The easier money rates attracted an outside demand, and the activity of pools compelled short covering. Then the market reacted 1 to 2 under realising and shorts selling on an upward turn in money rates. The market closed easy.

CLOSING PRICES.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices Tues.	Closing Bid Prices Wed.	Business Done H.	Business Done L.
124⅛	U.S. New 4% Loan	104¾	104¾	—	—
110⅜	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	92⅞	92	—	—
101⅛	Do. Preference	85¼	85½	—	—
106	Do. 4% Con. Bonds	90⅝	90⅞	—	—
41⅛	Baltimore & Ohio	35	35	—	—
143⅞	Canadian Pacific	119	120¾	—	—
60⅞	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	55	55½	—	—
22⅞	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	18¾	18½	—	—
74½	Chicago & N.-West	62½	62¾	—	—
119⅞	Do. Pref.	100	100	—	—
15¾	Erie 1st Preferred	15¾	15½	—	—
50⅛	Do. 4% Gl. Lien Bds.	40	42	—	—
89½	Gt. Northern Pref.	75½	75	—	—
114½	Illinois Central	96¾	96¾	—	—
66¾	Lehigh Valley	57	56	—	—
128¾	Louisville & Nashville	107	108	—	—
1⅞	Miss'ri, Kan. & Texas	1⅛	1	—	—
58⅛	Do. 2nd Mt. 4% Gd. B.	50	50¾	—	—
20½	Missouri Pacific New	17½	17½	—	—
10⅞	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pf.	8*	9*	—	—
3⅞	Do. 2nd Pref.	3¼*	3*	—	—
89⅛	N.Y. Cl. & Hudson R.	73¾	74½	—	—
115⅛	Norfolk & West. Com.	96½	97	—	—
95¾	Northern Pacific Com.	78½	78¾	—	—
23⅛	Ontario & Western	21	21⅛	—	—
39⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	32⅞	33	—	—
86½	Reading Shares	72½	72⅞	—	—
51⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	43½	43⅞	—	—
96½	Do. 4% Mt. Bonds	81	81¾	—	—
21½	Southern Railway	18¾	18¾	—	—
94⅛	Southern Pacific	78½	79¾	—	—
31½	Texas & Pacific	27½	28⅛	—	—
149⅛	Union Pacific	123	123⅛	—	—
82⅞	Do. Pref.	69	69½	—	—
103⅛	Do. 4% Bonds	87	86¾	—	—
7⅞	Wabash Common	6¾	6¾	—	—
24½	Do. Preferred A	20⅛	20¾	—	—
53¾	Amer. Smlt. Refg. Com.	45⅞	45⅞	—	—
56	Anaconda Copper	50⅜	49½	—	—
14⅞	Brit.-Amer. Tob.	12½	12⅜	—	—
109⅛	N.Y. Cons. Gas	92¾	92	—	—
163⅛	General Electric	139½	139	—	—
100⅛	U.S. Steel Common	84	84	—	—
136⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	114¾	114¾	—	—
118⅞	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	99½	99¾	—	—
—	Silver, Foreign Mined	64½	65	—	—
—	Do. (U.S. mined) Ref.	99⅞	99⅞	—	—
17⅞	Inter. M.M. Com. Cts.	14¾	14¾	—	—
77⅛	Do. Prefd. Certs.	64	65½	—	—
60¾	Royal Dutch Oil	50¾	50½	—	—
45⅞	Shell Transport	38¾	38½	—	—
135⅛	Mexican Petroleum	114½	114¾	—	—
63½	Pan-American Pet.	52¾	53	—	—
12⅛	General Motors	10¾	10¾	—	—
65	U.S. Rubber	54¾	54½	—	—

* Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex Bonus. ‖ Ex rights.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
Call Money	4½b. 5a.	4½b. 5a.
Ex. on Lond'n, 60 days' sight	4.17.25	4.16.00
Ex. on Lond'n, Demand Bills	4.20.25	4.19.00
Cable Transfers	4.20.75	4.19.50
Ex on Montreal	4.46.00	4.45.00
Cotton, Middling, Upland	19.20	19.05
Do. New Orleans, Middl'g	17.50	17.75
Cotton Seed Oil, Y. Summer, Yellow Spot	8.40	8.42
Cotton Seed Oil, Yellow, Mar.	8.75	8.79
Petroleum, Refined, in cases	15.50	15.50
Do. Standard, White	15.00	15.00
Do. Philadelph, Stan. do.	15.00	15.00
Do. Pennsylvania, Crude	4.00	4.00
Spirits of Turpentine	81.00	81.00
Do. Savannah	74½	74½
Resin, Grade K.	4.77½	4.80
Do. Grade F.	3.90	4.00
Lard, Prime, Western Steam	9.77½	9.77½
Do. Midland West	9.40—50	9.40—50
Tallow, Special	6½	6½
Sugar (New Cuban)		3.36
Corn, Western, No. 2 Mixed	64¾	64½
Wheat, No. 2 Hard Winter	128¾	125
Do. No. 2 Red. Winter	127¾	126
Do. No. 2 Mixed Durum	116¾	116
Coffee, Rio No. 7	9⅛	9⅛
Flour, Spring Clears	4.50—5.25	4.50—5.25
Iron, No. 2 North'n. Foundry	19.00—20	19.00—20
Tin, Straits	32.75	33.00
Zinc, East St. Louis	4.92½	4.92½
Electrolytic Copper, Spot	13⅞—14½	13¾—14¼
Do. do. Futures, Sept.	14	14
Freight, Heavy Grain, to U. Kingdom, per quarter	3/6	3/6
Freight, Heavy Grain, to Continent, per quarter	14—15	14—15
Freight, Cotton, to Liverpool (high density)	25	25
Do. Standard (per 100lb.)	40	40

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

WHEAT.—Spot market easy, both winters 1½c. and mixed Durum ½c. down. Sixty-five boat-loads of wheat were engaged to-day by exporters. The visible supply of wheat in Canada increased 2,821,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 26,007,000 bushels. Receipts—Atlantic, 1,108,000; last year, 1,109,000. Clearances, 1,119,000; last year 2,197,000.

SUGAR.—Spot irregular, 10 points lower. Porto Rican nominal. Sugar futures steady, 4 to 1 points down. January, 1.96; March, 2.07; May, 2.21; July, 2.37. To-day's sugar sales for January shipment, 25,000 bags of uncontrolled old crop Cuban at 3.41, and 20,000 bags of new Cuban at 3.36.

COTTON opened steady, 2 points down to 4 points up. Values rose afterwards on firm cables, buying by foreign interests, bullish East Indian crop estimates, a better public demand, strength of the cotton goods trade, and purchases by spot houses. A reaction set in, however, due to the unsatisfactory spot situation, Southern selling, realising, and reactionary selling, and the market closed barely steady, 8 points lower to 1 higher. Spot quiet at 15 points fall. New Orleans spot 25 points dearer. Receipts—Atlantic, 22,000; Gulf, 28,000. Exports—Britain, nil; Continent, 15,000. December, unquoted; January, 18.81; February, 18.78; March, 18.74; April, 18.56; May, 18.31; June, 18.10; July, 17.87; August, 17.65; September, 17.30; October, 16.95.

PETROLEUM steady.

ST. LOUIS firm at 2½c. gain. No. 2 red winter 122.

MINNEAPOLIS easy, ⅛c. down. No. 1 Northern spring 129½.

WINNIPEG.—Wheat opened easy, ½c. to ⅞c. lower, and closed irregularly, ⅛c. to ¼c. down. December, 103½; May, 112½. Oats steady, ⅛c. advance. May, 45½.

CHICAGO, Wednesday.

WHEAT opened easy and unchanged to ⅛c. down, and fell further owing to increasing stocks, an expected bearish Bureau report, a slow outside and export demand, bearish Liverpool cables, and Armour interests selling; but partially advanced later on a milling demand, large seaboard clearances, and shorts covering, the market closing steady, ⅛c. down to ⅝c. up. Spot dull. Receipts—Western 519,000, last year 814,000; this season 290,751,000, last season 225,071,000. No. 2 hard winter, spot, nominal. December, 112½; May, 110½; July, 105½.

CORN opened easy, ⅛c. to ⅜c. lower, and further receded on larger country offerings and receipts, lower cash markets, and hedge selling; then partially recovered under rumours of export business, bullish Buenos Ayres cables, and covering of shorts. The market closed steady, ⅛c. down to unchanged. Receipts—Western 1,395,000, last year 926,000; this season 169,822,000, last season 98,216,000. No. 2 mixed, spot, 48½. December, 48½; May, 54½; July, 56.

OATS irregular, ⅛c. lower to ⅛c. higher. December, 34½; May, 38½; July, 39½.

PROVISIONS opened quiet, and strengthened somewhat early on a firm hog market and a demand from outsiders, but later partially declined owing to realising and local selling; and closed dull, with lard unchanged, pork 10 up, and ribs unchanged to 7½ points cheaper. Lard—January, 8.77½; March, 8.97½; May, 9.17½. Pork—January, 14.95. Ribs—January, 8.02½; May, 8.15.

BACON steady and unchanged. The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1, total 4,576,000, against 4,864,000 for the same season last year.

HOGS firm, 15 to 10 points up. Receipts—Western 8,000, last year 124,000; Chicago 23,000, last year 26,000.

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HOLIDAY MOTOR TRAGEDIES.

Two women were killed in motor car accidents in Glasgow during the week end—Miss Margaret Brechin and Mrs. Mackenzie. They were injured by cars within half a mile of each other and died in the infirmary.

No Christmas treat is quite complete, Without some WELCO Cocoa.—(Advt.)

The death is announced from Madrid of the well-known painter of ceramics, Senor Daniel Zuloaga.

BANK OF IRELAND MALE CLERKSHIPS.
Examination Announced for 21st Feby.
At the last exam., July, 1921, 16 Students of SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green, Dublin, were successful. BEST RESULT. Previous exam., Feby., 1921, 10 of the 14 Students sent forward were successful. BEST RESULT. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes working.—(Advt.)

would only tend to provoke a split, which nobody wished. Mr. O'Donnell had said that members of the Dail should leave it to their constituents. If the Dail did not represent their constituents, then the Navan Urban Council did not represent the people of Navan. There were only five members at that meeting.

Mr. Clusker supported the resolution.

No member seconded the amendment.

The Chairman declared the resolution passed.

The Clerk was directed to send copies of the resolution to—E. Duggan, Justin McKenna, J. J. Kelly (Cavan), Peter Hughes, and Alderman Murphy, deputies for Louth and Meath.

GALWAY.

COUNTY COUNCIL TO MEET.

A special meeting of Galway County Council has been called for Friday next at 12 o'clock to consider the Peace Treaty, when it is understood that a resolution of ratification will be brought forward. It is understood that the majority of members for the County Galway will vote in favour of the Treaty. Three members only have been mentioned as being definitely against it, and these will have the opportunity of hearing the views of their constituents, who are overwhelmingly in favour of peace, during the short period before the resumption of the Dail.

A rumour has been circulated throughout the West to the effect that all those who had been against the Treaty will withdraw their opposition when the Dail resumes. This is regarded by some as an attempt to stem the torrent of opinion in favour of ratification.

TUAM'S DEMAND.

A WORD TO REPRESENTATIVES.

A full meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners last night unanimously called on the Galway representatives in Dail Eireann to support the motion for ratification of the Treaty, and demanded that the view of the vast majority of the people of the county be not misrepresented by the county representatives.

The Commissioners also sent the following to Dr. Bryan Cusack, M.P. for the constituency:—"At a meeting to-night it was stated that you were going to vote against ratification of the Treaty, and the Commissioners wish to inform you that the people of Tuam, who were amongst your most ardent supporters in the 1918 election, are almost unanimously in favour of ratification. By opposing the Treaty you are acting in direct opposition to their wishes and to the wishes of the men who worked so hard for your return at that time. The Commissioners demand that you do not misrepresent the views of your constituents in Tuam."

Mountbellew Board of Guardians and District Council also unanimously approved the ratification, and called on the Galway representatives to support it.

Mr. Fahy, Chairman, said that they all recognised that the terms did not come to the standard of the Irish people's aspirations, but they were a big advance in that direction.

Mr. Costello—I think the people would think twice before they would fire another shot.

Mr. Fahy—There are a great many things in the Treaty that I do not like, but rather than see the country go back again to war I would support it. Even if the Treaty is ratified it will not bring permanent peace to Ireland. It is only an instalment.

Mr. Killalea—It was perfectly understood before the Conference that the question of a Republic would not be discussed. Mr. de Valera is not standing for a Republic. I understand that he wants to be associated voluntarily in the nations comprising the British Empire. It is not Mr. de Valera but the country that is our master.

Mr. Quinn—We do not want any more bloodshed. Why did not Mr. de Valera go over himself? I say he is as much bound by the terms as the plenipotentiaries.

Mr. Fahy—We have no fault to find with the leaders on both sides, but Mr. Lloyd George did a most diabolical act to break the unity of Ireland. He will fail this time.

TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Tuam Traders' Association it was proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. James Moran, and passed unanimously:

"That this meeting of the Traders' Association hereby declares its approval of the Treaty, and demands that the representatives of County Galway in An Dail should vote for ratification, as this meeting considers that by doing so they will voice the will of the people of this county and will serve the best interests of the country. Whilst advocating unity in the Irish ranks, we demand that the view of the vast majority of the people of this county be not misrepresented by the county representatives; and it is further resolved that copies of this resolution be immediately forwarded to Messrs. J. B. Whelehan, Dr. Bryan Cusack, P. O'Maillie, P. Hogan, L. Mellowes, T. Nicholas, and Frank Fahy."

CASTLEREA AND THE TREATY.

Public opinion in Castlerea is solid for the ratification of the Treaty, says our correspondent. From conversations I have had with the country people of the surrounding districts, I have gathered that opposition to the settlement has virtually no support.

SOUTH CORK.

TO END THE FEUD OF CENTURIES

The South Cork Executive of Sinn Fein, for which constituency Mr. Michael Collins is member of Parliament, have unanimously passed the following resolution:—"That we approve of the Treaty. We are satisfied that the Treaty does not give us everything satisfactory to the aspirations of the Irish people, but under the present circumstances we see no other alternative, and we are of opinion that the Irish representatives will give it their earliest consideration, and, if at all possible, be unanimous in the decision they arrive at, as we believe that any division in the Irish ranks at the present time will lead to disorder and chaos that might well prove disastrous to the future of the Irish nation.

"We further believe that the feud of centuries would be ended by ratifying the Treaty.

"We are of opinion that success has crowned the efforts of the brave Irishmen who forced the British Empire to call a truce in Ireland and agree to a Treaty which gives Ireland charge of her own affairs, and which also binds the army of occupation to take its departure from the shores of the Irish Free State."

QUEENSTOWN TAKES ACTION.

At a largely attended meeting of the Queenstown branch of the Sinn Fein organisation, held in the Town Hall last night, at which the Sinn Fein representatives on the Urban District Council were present, it was decided to support ratification of the Treaty, as signed by the Irish plenipotentiaries.

A special meeting of the Urban Council has been summoned to consider the advisability of passing a resolution in support of ratification of the Treaty. The decision was practically unanimous.

KILKENNY'S VIEW.

NO SACRIFICE OF HONOUR.

By eighteen votes to one Kilkenny County Council yesterday adopted the following resolution at a private meeting, which lasted almost two and a half hours:—

"That this Council, voicing the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the people, sees no alternative to the ratification of the Treaty but chaos; and hence calls on Alderman W. T. Cosgrave, Commandant Eamonn Aylward, Mr. James Lennon, and Commandant-General Gearoid O'Sullivan to carry out the wishes of their constituents by voting for ratification. We consider that, having due regard to the circumstances which led to the signing of the Treaty, its ratification involves no sacrifice of honour. The people of Ireland, under a Free State Government, will be free to maintain and act on their national principles. The Treaty does not involve a *ne plus ultra*. At the same time, we appeal to President de Valera to do everything in his power to preserve unity and prevent the appalling consequences of a split. Copies of this resolution to be sent to President de Valera, Messrs. Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, the Minister of Publicity, the Carlow County Council, and the Press."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. James Walsh, Templeorum, and seconded by Mr. John F. Drennan. Mr. James Donovan, Ballyrougagh, dissented.

COUNTY TYRONE.

TREATY APPROVED.

A largely attended meeting of Nationalists and Sinn Feiners was held in St. Patrick's Hall, Omagh, on Tuesday night to consider the Treaty. The Very Rev. P. O'Doherty, P.P., presided. A motion demanding ratification of the Treaty and calling upon An Dail to arrange that the members for the two constituencies should be allowed to voice the views of the people of both in the event of a division was passed.

A special meeting of Tyrone County Council has been called to consider a resolution in favour of the Treaty, and expressing the view "that, while the Treaty does not satisfy the rightful claim of the nation to complete freedom, it gives the Irish Free State control of all vital national affairs and provides such opportunities for national development as will eventually secure a full measure of Ireland's rights, and bring about an enduring peace between Ireland and Great Britain."

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DETECTIVES' HUNT.

FATE OF MISS WILKINS.

SEARCH FOR CLUES.

GREY CAR MYSTERY.

So far Scotland Yard has failed to find the murderer of Miss Irene May Wilkins.

One of the smartest detectives in England has taken charge of the case, but it is obvious that he has not obtained what may be regarded as a trustworthy clue to the murderer's whereabouts.

Yesterday the Bournemouth police made a vigorous search for a six-cylinder Sunbeam motor car which, according to a taxi-driver, Miss Wilkins entered when she left the station.

They are also hunting for a mysterious grey car which visited the station on the evening of the murder and on previous evenings and for a third car—a two-seater—the driver of which is supposed to have spoken to Miss Wilkins.

It is thought that the murderer may have motored to London after he had committed the crime.

GARAGES SEARCHED.

MEN EXAMINED, BUT NO ARREST.

A message that was sent from Bournemouth last night says:—At present there appears to be no further development in the exhaustive search which is being made for the murderer of Miss I. Wilkins.

A methodical search for the wanted six-cylinder Sunbeam car, which bears an identification mark containing the letter "X"—a rather vague description, but the only one available—has been occupying the attention of the police to-day. Of course, the driver of the car also (as described by a local taxi-driver, who states that he saw a person answering Miss Wilkins's description entering the car on the fateful evening at Bournemouth Central Station) has also been diligently searched for, and several men have been questioned, but with no definite result.

Private cars, garages, and visiting and departing cars are being scrutinised very thoroughly, and there are frequent callers at the local police stations with cars with "X" in the identification number in order to eliminate their machines from the search.

The police have also still in mind a large grey car, which is stated to have had a Middlesex identification plate. It was seen calling at the railway station several times lately and going away without picking up anyone.

Inquiries have also been made at the local newsagents' shops with the hope of gaining some information as to the purchaser of the London paper which contained the advertisement that resulted in Miss Wilkins being lured to her death.

The Boscombe Post Office officials are unable to remember anything of the sender of the decoy telegram.

Stories from taxi-drivers at the Central Station continue to multiply, but too much credence must not be placed in them.

Yesterday the police made special search for any trace of the blunt instrument with which the crime is supposed to have been committed, and also for the attaché case which Miss Wilkins took with her from London. It contained some clothing, and probably the fatal telegram which brought her to Bournemouth.

Up to now no success has attended these efforts.

The body of Miss Wilkins arrived at Waterloo Station, London, at 8.20 last night. A motor hearse was in waiting, and to this the coffin, which was of light oak, was borne. The fact that the coffin was that of the victim of the Bournemouth tragedy was not generally known, and the hearse drove off without attracting much attention.

RACIAL EQUALITY IN LAW.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.

DELHI, Tuesday.

In compliance with a non-official resolution of the Legislative Assembly, the India Government has appointed a Committee of officials and non-officials to report upon possible modifications of the criminal procedure code with a view to securing equality of status at criminal trials of Europeans and Indians, a principle which the Indian Government has already accepted.—(Reuter.)

TIPPERARY FARMERS.

At a meeting of the Killeen (Nenagh) Branch North Tipperary Farmers' Association on Tuesday night, Mr. Thomas Mulcahy presiding, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Edward Bourke, seconded by the Chairman:—

"That we, the members of the Killeen Branch, Farmers' Association, call on the Deputies representing North Tipperary to vote for the ratification of the Peace Treaty at the meeting of Dail Eireann on January 3rd."

OTHER DISTRICTS.

FOR RATIFICATION.

Innishowen and Milford Rural Councils, both in Donegal, have passed resolutions urging ratification of the Treaty.

A meeting of Leitrim County Council has been called for Friday next, and one of the items on the agenda provides for discussion of "matters in connection with the Treaty between Ireland and Great Britain, and passing such resolution (if any) as may be decided upon regarding ratification or rejection thereof."

Presiding at the Dungarvan Council meeting for the first time since his release from Ballykinlar Internment Camp, Mr. Michael Brennock referred to the political crisis.

He regretted, he said, that the Government in Dublin were not unanimous in carrying out the wishes of the people. Personalities did not matter a twopenny piece in grave questions of this kind. It was the cause of the people that was paramount.

A meeting of Birr Urban Council has been specially called by the Chairman, Mr. John Dooly, on requisition, for to-morrow evening, to discuss the Peace Treaty. It is understood that arrangements are being made for a public meeting on Saturday for a similar purpose.

People in Tullamore and North King's County are slow to express definite opinions regarding the Treaty, but, as far as one could judge, says our Correspondent, there is a big majority who believe that if the measure is put in operation the Irish people will be placed in a position which will enable them to promote their material interests and prosperity to an extent which can hardly be realised at present.

FARMERS' MEETINGS.

A public meeting of the farmers and ratepayers of Queen's County will be held at Maryborough on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of calling on Dail Eireann "to ratify the Treaty in the best interests of the country."

The Co. Kilkenny farmers will also hold a meeting on Saturday, to decide on the action to be taken in connection with the Treaty. The meeting will be held in Kilkenny Courthouse at 3 o'clock.

On Monday at noon a meeting of the Co. Dublin farmers will be held at 37 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, for the purpose of calling on Dail Eireann to ratify the Treaty.

MR. J. L. FAWCETT AND THE TREATY.

Mr. J. L. Fawcett, who was formerly Sinn Fein Consul at New York, in the course of some notes on the Irish Peace Treaty, says that it gives Ireland a *status* internationally that formerly was denied her. With the signing and ratification of this Treaty Ireland passes from the stage of being a domestic problem of England's to a sovereign *status* internationally.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.
The College will be closed during Christmas Week. All Classes will resume on Monday, January 2nd.—(Advt.)

PEACE TREATY.

FREE STATE'S RIGHTS AND STATUS.

OFFICIAL TEXT.

In response to a widespread request, we reprint below the text of the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland which, signed by the British and Irish delegations in London on December 6, has already been ratified at Westminster, and now awaits ratification by Dail Eireann before it can become effective.

1. Ireland shall have the same constitutional status in the community of nations known as the British Empire as the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa, with a Parliament having powers to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of Ireland, and an Executive responsible to that Parliament, and shall be styled and known as the Irish Free State.

2. Subject to the provisions hereinafter set out, the position of the Irish Free State in relation to the Imperial Parliament and Government, and otherwise, shall be that of the Dominion of Canada, and the law, practice, and constitutional usage governing the relationship of the Crown or the representative of the Crown and of the Imperial Parliament to the Dominion of Canada shall govern their relationship to the Irish Free State.

3. The representative of the Crown in Ireland shall be appointed in like manner as the Governor-General of Canada, and in accordance with the practice observed in the making of such appointments.

4. The oath to be taken by members of the Parliament of the Irish Free State shall be in the following form:—

"I . . . do solemnly swear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the Irish Free State as by law established, and that I will be faithful to His Majesty King George V., his heirs and successors by law, in virtue of the common citizenship of Ireland with Great Britain, and her adherence to and membership of the group of nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations."

PUBLIC DEBT.

LIABILITY OF FREE STATE.

5. The Irish Free State shall assume liability for the service of the public debt of the United Kingdom as existing at the date hereof, and towards the payment of war pensions as existing at that date, in such proportion as may be fair and equitable, having regard to any just claims on the part of Ireland by way of set-off or counter-claim, the amount of such sums being determined, in default of agreement, by the arbitration of one or more independent persons being citizens of the British Empire.

6. Until an arrangement has been made between the British and Irish Governments, whereby the Irish Free State undertakes her own coastal defence, the defence by sea of Great Britain and Ireland shall be undertaken by His Majesty's Imperial Forces, but this shall not prevent the construction or maintenance by the Government of the Irish Free State of such vessels as are necessary for the protection of the revenue or the fisheries.

The foregoing provisions of this article shall be reviewed at a conference of representatives of the British and Irish Governments, to be held at the expiration of five years from the date hereof, with a view to the undertaking by Ireland of a share in her own coastal defence.

7. The Government of the Irish Free State shall afford to His Majesty's Imperial Forces—

(a) In time of peace such harbour and other facilities as are indicated in the annex hereto, or such other facilities as may from time to time be agreed between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State; and

(b) In the event of war, or of strained relations with a foreign Power, such harbour and other facilities as the British Government may require for the purposes of such defence, as aforesaid.

8. With a view to securing the observance of the principle of international limitation of armaments, if the Government of the Irish Free State establishes and maintains a military defence force, the establishments thereof shall not exceed in size such proportion of the military establishments maintained in Great Britain as that which the population of Ireland bears to the population of Great Britain.

OPEN PORTS.

COMPENSATING OFFICIALS.

9. The ports of Great Britain and the Irish Free State shall be freely open to the ships of the other country on payment of the customary port and other dues.

10. The Government of the Irish Free State agrees to pay fair compensation on terms not less favourable than those accorded by the Act of 1920, to judges, officials, members of police forces, and other public servants who are discharged by it, or who retire in consequence of the change of Government effected in pursuance hereof:

Provided that this agreement shall not apply to members of the Auxiliary Police Force, or to persons recruited in Great Britain for the Royal Irish Constabulary during the two years next preceding the date hereof. The British Government will assume responsibility for such compensation or pensions as may be payable to any of these excepted persons.

11. Until the expiration of one month from the passing of the Act of Parliament for the ratification of this instrument, the powers of the Parliament and the Government of the Irish Free State shall not be exercisable as respects Northern Ireland, and the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, shall, so far as they relate to Northern Ireland, remain in full force and effect, and no election shall be held for the return of members to serve in the Parliament of the Irish Free State for constituencies in Northern Ireland unless a resolution is passed by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in favour of the holding of such elections before the end of the said month.

12. If, before the expiration of the said month, an Address is presented to His Majesty by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland to that effect, the powers of the Parliament and the Government of the Irish Free State shall no longer extend to Northern Ireland, and the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920 (including those relating to the Council of Ireland) shall so far as they relate to Northern Ireland, continue to be of full force and effect, and this instrument shall have effect, subject to the necessary modifications.

BOUNDARIES.

THE COMMISSION.

Provided that if such an Address is so presented, a Commission consisting of three persons, one to be appointed by the Government of the Irish Free State, one to be appointed by the Government of Northern Ireland, and one (who shall be chairman) to be appointed by the British Government, shall determine, in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants, so far as may be compatible with economic and geographic conditions, the boundaries between Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland, and for the purpose of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of this instrument, the boundary of Northern Ireland shall be such as may be determined by such Commission.

13. For the purpose of the last foregoing article, the powers of the Parliament of Southern Ireland under the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, to elect members of the Council of Ireland shall, after the Parliament of the Irish Free State is constituted, be exercised by that Parliament.

14. After the expiration of the said month, if no such Address as is mentioned in Article 12 hereof is presented, the Parliament and Government of Northern Ireland shall continue to exercise, as respects Northern Ireland, the powers conferred on them by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, but the Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State shall, in Northern Ireland, have in relation to matters in respect of which the Parliament of Northern Ireland has not power to make laws under that Act (including matters which, under the said Act, are within the jurisdiction of the Council of Ireland), the same powers as in the rest of Ireland, subject to such other provisions as may be agreed in manner hereinafter appearing.

15. At any time after the date hereof the Government of Northern Ireland and the Provisional Government of Southern Ireland hereinafter constituted may meet for the purpose of discussing the provisions subject to which the last foregoing article is to operate in the event of no such Address as is therein mentioned being presented, and those provisions may include:—

(a) Safeguards with regard to patronage in Northern Ireland.

(b) Safeguards with regard to the collection of revenue in Northern Ireland.

(c) Safeguards with regard to import and export duties affecting the trade or industry of Northern Ireland.

(d) Safeguards for minorities in Northern Ireland.

(e) The settlement of the financial relations between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State.

(f) The establishment and powers of a local Militia in Northern Ireland, and the relation of the defence forces of the Irish Free State and of Northern Ireland respectively. And if at any such meeting provisions are agreed to, the same shall have effect as if they were included amongst the provisions, subject to which the powers of the Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State are to be exercisable in Northern Ireland under Article 14 hereof.

16. Neither the Parliament of the Irish Free State nor the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall make any law so as, either directly or indirectly, to endow any religion, or prohibit or restrict the free exercise thereof, or give any preference or impose any disability on account of religious belief or religious *status*, or affect prejudicially the right of any child to attend a school receiving public money without attending the religious instruction at the school, or make any discrimination as respects State aid between schools under the management of different religious denominations, or divert from any religious denomination or any educational institution any of its property, except for public utility purposes, and on payment of compensation.

17. By way of provisional arrangement for the administration of Southern Ireland during the interval which must elapse between the date hereof and the constitution of a Parliament and Government of the Irish Free State in accordance therewith, steps shall be taken forthwith for summoning a meeting of members of Parliament elected for constituencies in Southern Ireland since the passing of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and for constituting a Provisional Government, and the British Government shall take the steps necessary to transfer to such Provisional Government the powers and machinery requisite for the discharge of its duties; provided that every member of such Provisional Government shall have signified in writing his or her acceptance of this instrument. But this arrangement shall not continue in force beyond the expiration of twelve months from the date hereof.

18. This instrument shall be submitted forthwith by His Majesty's Government for the approval of Parliament, and by the Irish signatories to a meeting, summoned for the purpose, of the members elected to sit in the House of Commons of Southern Ireland, and, if approved, shall be ratified by the necessary legislation.

ANNEX.

PORTS AND DEFENCES.

1. The following are the specific facilities required:—Dockyard port at the Berehaven—(a) Admiralty property and rights to be retained as at the date hereof. Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties.

Queenstown—(b) Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties. Certain mooring buoys to be retained for use of His Majesty's ships.

Belfast Lough—(c) Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties.

Lough Swilly—(d) Harbour defences to remain in charge of British care and maintenance parties.

Aviation—(e) Facilities in the neighbourhood of the above ports for coastal defence by air.

Oil Fuel Storage—(f) Haulbowline, Rathmullen, to be offered for sale to commercial companies under guarantee that purchasers shall maintain a certain minimum stock for Admiralty purposes.

2. A Convention shall be made between the British Government and the Government of the Irish Free State to give effect to the conditions—

(a) That submarine cables shall not be landed or wireless stations for communications with places outside Ireland be established except by agreement with the British Government, that the existing cable landing rights and wireless concessions shall not be withdrawn except by agreement with the British Government, and that the British Government shall be entitled to land additional submarine cables or establish additional wireless stations for communication with places outside Ireland.

(b) That lighthouses, buoys, beacons, and any navigational marks or navigational aids shall be maintained by the Government of the Irish Free State as at the date hereof, and shall not be removed or added to, except by agreement with the British Government.

(c) That war signal stations shall be closed down, and left in charge of care and maintenance parties, the Government of the Irish Free State being offered the option of taking them over and working them for commercial purposes, subject to Admiralty inspection, and guaranteeing the upkeep of existing telegraphic communication therewith.

3. A Convention shall be made between the same Governments for the regulation of civil communication by air.

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COAST PATROL DUTIES.

WHY FRANCE NEEDS SUBMARINES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

The French delegation received instructions from its Government this evening concerning the submarine question. The nature of the instructions has not been announced, but it was stated in responsible circles, after M. Sarraut and Admiral le Bon had conferred with Mr. Hughes, that France would not accept the American suggestion to maintain the *status quo* in regard to submersibles.

The French Naval experts are stated to hold the view that each country is entitled to say for itself how many defensive craft are needed, taking into consideration the extent of the coast line of both the Homeland and the Colonial possessions.

Thus the effort of the Conference to limit the number and uses of submarines has ended in failure, and the American delegations have said that the discussion is now definitely closed.

The Naval Limitations Committee met to-day. M. Sarraut is understood to have presented an apparently final declaration that France could not accept less than 330,000 tons auxiliary craft, in addition to 90,000 tons submarines.

The British and Japanese delegations are reported to have stated that, in view of the French position, they would both feel compelled to reserve their action on the tonnage ratio for auxiliary craft.

The American proposal, that auxiliary vessels shall not carry guns greater than 8-inch, was under discussion when the Committee adjourned.

The French delegation has declared its adherence to the capital ship ratio, in spite of a disagreement over submarines, but with the reservation that France desired to begin rebuilding replacements in 1927, although it explains that this does not mean that there is any intention of placing them in the water before the replacement period, provided under the capital ship agreement.

OBITUARY.

COLONEL C. H. KNOX.

The death took place at Inveruisk, Killiney, County Dublin, after a long illness, of Colonel Charles Howe Knox, D.L., of Creagh, Ballinrobe, County Mayo, in his 82nd year. He was educated at Harrow and Christ Church, Oxford. He joined the 8th (Royal Irish) Hussars, and was A.D.C. on Lord Spencer's staff when he was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. In 1885 he was appointed Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Battalion Connaught Rangers. He married, in 1869, Henrietta Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Right Hon. Sir William Gibson-Craig, Bart. Colonel Knox was a D.L. and J.P. for the County of Mayo, and he acted as High Sheriff in 1873.

MR. H. G. COOK.

We regret to announce the death, in his 61st year, of Mr. H. G. Cook, which occurred on Tuesday at his residence, 27 Longford terrace, Monkstown. Mr. Cook was Secretary to the Irish Lights Board for a considerable period, and on resigning the position last year was elected a Commissioner of that body. In his younger days he was closely identified with the athletic life of Ireland, and his enthusiasm in the cause of Rugby football and rowing was unbounded. Indeed, he was in a large measure responsible for the growth and development in this country of these great pastimes, and by none will his death be regretted more than by the old members of the Wanderers Football Club, with whom he worked and played for so long. He joined that club in 1882, having previously played for Kingstown, a club which was such a power in those days, and was elected President twelve years later. Mr. Cook succeeded the late Mr. R. M. Peter as Hon. Secretary of the Irish Rugby Union, a position which he filled with distinction for several years, during which the best interests of the game were advanced. As a player he earned the reputation of being a really good club man, and in 1884 he got his International cap against Wales.

Rowing in Ireland owes much to Mr. Cook. He did excellent service, both as a member of the old Pembroke Club, which had its headquarters at Ringsend, and in bringing about the establishment of the Irish Rowing Union. A fine oarsman himself, he figured in many Pembroke winning crews, and later he did inestimable service in advancing the *status* of the sport. He was the first Secretary of the Union, and after holding that post for ten years became Hon. Treasurer, and acted in that capacity until 1918. Mr. Cook was an old member of the Phoenix Cricket Club, of which he was Hon. Secretary for a time. A man of much grace and charm, his death will be sincerely deplored by a large circle of friends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE SENSE OF THE NATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—One of the gravest charges made against the Government of Ireland at the time of the Union was that it refused to "collect the sense of the nation" and ascertain the views of the constituencies upon the question of the Union. The Government held a kind of General Election among the close boroughs (with electorates ranging from one to thirteen) which they had arranged to buy, but refused to dissolve the Parliament of Ireland and take the vote of the large bodies of electors in the Counties and Free Towns upon the question of Union.

The suggestion to dissolve Parliament for this purpose was regarded by Ministers as outrageous, although Grattan, Forster and their followers in Opposition declared their willingness to abide the decision of the country. Ministers replied that the proposal was "seditious," "Jacobinical," "revolutionary," and "traitorous," while one scandalised close borough member, who did excellently out of the business, denounced the suggestion as "damnable." Mr. William Smith, member for the close borough of Donegal who, as a reward for his Union services, was placed upon the bench as a Baron of the Exchequer, assured the House that in the proposal to appeal to the constituencies upon the question of Union he discerned "a plain subversion of the powers of the aristocracy." "In the exorbitant liberty of the people," Mr. Smith, who represented thirteen electors, all controlled by the Earl of Arran, "beheld the slavery of the peerage."

To-day, when it is sought to undo that fatal work of the Union, many of those who are believed to represent a democracy are as eager as the pioneers of the Union ever were to defy the rightful control that constituents should have, and to act contrary to their wishes, interests and desires. The electorates will have read with amazement the declarations of some of their representatives whose action is rightly called by the Bishop of Killaloe a "callous disregard openly avowed by some deputies for the national will and the wishes of their constituents on this question" of the Treaty.

The position is especially significant in the face of the circumstances attending the last return of members to *Dáil Eireann*. Strictly speaking, there was no "election." The appeal to the country was made during a veritable reign of terror. There was only one set of candidates and in the absence of any contest these candidates were returned unopposed. The decision was arrived at upon the nomination papers, and I believe that not a single ballot-paper was filled in the twenty-six counties of "Southern Ireland." There was no alternative plan before the country, and those who signed the nomination papers were at the time in danger of being seized and thrown into prison without trial or accusation.

Furthermore, there were no means available in the case of double returns for vacating one of the two seats for which a representative had been returned, or for moving a writ for a new election. That the second constituency should be deprived of its voice, although its representative is actually sitting in the House, is certainly another grave infringement of its rights.

In the founding of a new State and a new constitution there is a great opportunity, not for violating the rights of constituents, but for safeguarding them. The original plan of representation provided that an actual resident in a city, borough, or county was elected and went to Parliament upon his own business and that of his constituents. He was paid "wages" by his constituents, ten shillings *per* day to the Knight of the Shire, representing the County, and 7s. 6d. *per* day to the "citizen" or "burgess," representing the city or borough. This payment was not a reward for services rendered, but rather an indemnification against loss when the representative attended Parliament on the business of his county, city, or borough. This payment afforded the proper control which constituents ought to possess, and it is a well authenticated fact that Parliamentary corruption followed speedily after this control was eliminated. It was then that the "carpet-bagger" hurried in from the ends of the Kingdom to provide a self-supporting representative, who frequently found recompense for his self-sacrifice in the Civil List and Consolidated Fund, if not in the pages of the peerage.

Now that the country is offered chaos as a policy, the constituencies should make it plain that they are masters and their commands shall be obeyed. The "friends of liberty" were fond of saying that the "voice of the people is as the voice of God." It is neither good sense nor good manners to try to silence the democratic deity; for, as the Bishop of Cloyne most truly says, "the people are the fountain and source of national authority." There can be no other in any State which claims or deserves to be free.—Yours, etc.,

CRAWFORD HARTNELL.

37 Belgrave square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, December 28th, 1921.

TRINITY COLLEGE AND THE IRISH FREE STATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It may, perhaps, be of interest in the momentary lull in the development of the present crisis to call attention to the fact that the recent resolution of the Board of Trinity College, enunciating, so far as the influence of its members extends, the attitude that should be adopted in relation to the establishment of an Irish Free State is not a *volte face*, but is in accordance with the very best traditions of the College, both before and after the Union. A few facts little known, which are worthy of being held in remembrance, will, I think, demonstrate this position.

Sir William Molyneux, the author of "The Case of Ireland Stated"—the ablest argument ever produced in favour of Irish independence—was, when that work was published in 1698, one of the members for Trinity College, and till his death sat in the Irish House of Commons as member for the College. It is now all but forgotten that Mr. George Knox, who was member for Trinity College at the time of the Union (and who vehemently opposed that measure), in 1793, when Roman Catholics were admitted to the Parliamentary franchise in Ireland, but excluded from the House of Parliament, proposed a motion to introduce into the Government Franchise Bill a clause admitting Roman Catholics to Parliament. The whole weight of the Government, however, was thrown against him, and he was defeated by 163 to 69. It is a remarkable fact that Mr. Arthur Wesley—the name by which the future Duke of Wellington, then member for Trim, is always known in the Irish Parliamentary debates—was put forward by the Government as the chief opponent of Mr. Knox's motion. Mr. Lecky thinks it would be curious to know whether Wellington remembered this incident in 1829, when, through fear of civil war, he was constrained to make Roman Catholic Emancipation a cardinal measure of the policy of his Government. "Wellington," writes Mr. Lecky, "was compelled himself to set the fatal example of yielding to the fear of rebellion a measure which he had pledged himself to oppose. If the Catholic question had been settled in 1793 (as Mr. Knox desired) the whole subsequent history of Ireland would probably have been changed."

In 1793 Trinity College, Dublin—in advance by two generations of Oxford and Cambridge—admitted Roman Catholics to education within her walls and to a degree.

In the beginning of 1799 the electors of Trinity College, who then consisted only of the Fellows and Scholars, addressed their members—a course adopted by the Board of Trinity College in their recent resolution—calling on them to oppose the Union. In 1799 Mr. George Knox and Mr. Arthur Browne, the members for Trinity College, both spoke and voted against the Union. In the following year Mr. Arthur Browne changed his side and supported the Union, but he acknowledged in the House of Commons that he was acting in opposition to the wishes of the majority of his constituents. Mr. Arthur Browne was rewarded for the betrayal of his trust by the great office of Prime Serjeant (now long abolished), whose holder took precedence of the Law Officers of the Crown.

Swift, Burke, Flood, and Grattan were educated in Trinity College. Temple Emmet, Wolfe Tone, Robert Emmet, Isaac Butt (who at one time filled a Chair in Trinity College) would unquestionably, had they so desired, have won the Fellowship of the College of which Thomas Osborne Davis and Redmond were graduates. Plunket, when the most powerful advocate in Parliament of Roman Catholic Emancipation, was member for Trinity College.

O'Connell, in a letter written on the 18th October, 1846, a few months before his death, speaks with the greatest affection of Dr. MacDonnell, then a Senior Fellow of the College, and subsequently, from 1852 till his death in 1867, the Provost. O'Connell, writing to Sir Benjamin Hawes, M.P., Under-Secretary for the Colonies, asking for an extension of leave of absence from the Gambia to Mr. (Sir) Hercules MacDonnell, subsequently a distinguished Colonial Governor, a son of Dr. MacDonnell, says:—"He is the son of a most particular friend and one of the most respectable gentlemen in the University. The father has for several years past been a Senior Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, having never mitigated the kindness of his friendship for me, though he says he knows he has two faults in my eyes—first, that he is a Protestant parson; secondly, that he is a wicked anti-Repealer. You will not find fault with him on either ground, and I certainly do not esteem him the less for the one or the other, knowing, as I do, that he is a high-minded gentleman." A son of Provost MacDonnell, in a letter to Mr. J. W. Fitzpatrick, says—"My father had a great admiration for O'Connell, and O'Connell never forgot that, while a Fellow of Trinity College and a 'Protestant parson,' he had signed the petition for Catholic Emancipation so far back as 1813, when few in his position would have had the courage to do so."—Yours, etc.,

J. G. SWIFT MACNEILL.

Dublin, December 28th, 1921.

FREIGHT CHARGES FOR CATTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I desire to draw attention to the charges which are at present made for the transit of cattle by the railway and steamship companies. The pre-war charge on a waggon of cattle from Ballyshannon to Derry was 27s. 6d.; in 1921 it was £3 19s. 3d., lately reduced to £3 10s. 8d.; but it still is 175% increase. The steamship freight was, in 1914, 8s. 4d *per* fat beast. Now it is £1 4s. 9d. *per* beast—just 200% increase over pre-war freight, irrespective of charges for loading, unloading, dues, etc., all of which have been increased.

In fact, it takes £3 now to rail, ship, and sell a fat beast in Glasgow. Are these excessive charges justifiable, in view of the fallen, and still falling, markets? Can nothing be done to compel the railway and steamship companies to reduce their charges?—Yours, etc.,

"A SHIPPER."

Co. Galway, December 27th, 1921.

THE DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As announced in your advertising columns, the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway are withdrawing from the 2nd January the ordinary season ticket facilities. From that date season ticket-holders are to be compelled to book for a period of one month only, such booking being at the highest rate at which season tickets are issued. For example, a second class ticket to Bray for twelve months costs £22 15s. and for one month £2 12s. 6d., the latter working out at £31 10s. *per annum*. When you take into consideration that in 1919 the former only cost £14 6s., and was then a considerable increase on the pre-war rate, it would appear as if the company desires to drive the principal source of its revenue elsewhere. At a time when running expenses, such as coal, wages, salaries, etc., have been reduced, such an increase in fares is wholly indefensible. I understand that this change is only the prelude to still more drastic changes; but, if they are to follow on the same principle as the wisdom which suggested, in the guise of economy, the cutting out of important trains during the "rush" hours of the day and the starting in the middle of the winter of an hourly Sunday service to Bray at a time when there are few to use it, then it is no wonder that the company cannot make ends meet.

It is time that the residents of Bray, Greystones, and intermediate stations combined to make their voices heard when their interests are being so callously disregarded. The company may then be shown the folly of applying to its small line conditions which are suitable only to the London Tubes.—Yours, etc.,

A. E. ROBINSON.

Glencairn, Bray, December 28th, 1921.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED EASY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Stocks opened firm with broad trading, an advance of 1 to 3 points embracing all issues. The easier money rates attracted an outside demand, and the activity of pools compelled short covering. Then the market reacted 1 to 2 under realising and shorts selling on an upward turn in money rates. The market closed easy.

CLOSING PRICES.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices Tues.	Wed.	Business Done H.	L.
124⅞	U.S. New 4% Loan	104⅝	104⅝	—	—
110⅝	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	92⅝	92	—	—
101⅛	Do. Preference	85½	85½	—	—
106	Do. 4% Con. Bonds	90½	90⅜	—	—
41⅛	Baltimore & Ohio	35	36	—	—
143⅜	Canadian Pacific	119	120¼	—	—
60⅞	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	56	55½	—	—
22⅞	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	18⅝	18½	—	—
74½	Chicago & N.-West	62½	62¼	—	—
119⅛	Do. Pref.	100	100	—	—
18¾	Erie 1st Preferred	15⅜	15½	—	—
50⅛	Do. 4% Gl. Lien Bds.	40	42	—	—
90½	Gt. Northern Pref.	75½	75	—	—
114¼	Illinois Central	96⅝	96½	—	—
66¼	Lehigh Valley	57	56	—	—
128¾	Louisville & Nashville	107	108	—	—
1⅝	Missouri Kan. & Texas	1⅛	1	—	—
59⅛	Do. 2nd Mt. 4% Gd. B.	50	50⅛	—	—
20¾	Missouri Pacific New	17½	17⅜	—	—
10⅜	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pf.	8*	9*	—	—
3⅞	Do. 2nd Pref.	3⅛*	3*	—	—
88⅞	N.Y. Cl. & Hudson R.	73¾	74½	—	—
115⅞	Norfolk & West. Com.	96½	97	—	—
93¾	Northern Pacific Com.	78½	78⅛	—	—
23⅞	Ontario & Western	21	21½	—	—
39⅞	Pennsylvania Shares	32⅞	33	—	—
86½	Reading Shares	72½	72¾	—	—
51⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	43⅛	43⅝	—	—
96½	Do. 4% Mt. Bonds	81	81¼	—	—
21¾	Southern Railway	18¾	18⅝	—	—
94⅞	Southern Pacific	78½	79¼	—	—
31½	Texas & Pacific	27⅞	26½	—	—
149⅞	Union Pacific	125	125⅛	—	—
82⅛	Do. Pref.	69	69½	—	—
103⅛	Do. 4% Bonds	87	86½	—	—
7¾	Wabash Common	6⅝	6¼	—	—
24½	Do. Preferred A.	20⅛	20¼	—	—
53¾	Amer. Smlt. Refg. Com.	45⅞	45½	—	—
59	Anaconda Copper	50⅛	49⅝	—	—
14⅞	Brit.-Amer. Tob.	12½	12⅜	—	—
109⅛	N.Y. Cons. Gas	99¾	92	—	—
165⅞	General Electric	139⅞	139	—	—
100⅛	U.S. Steel Common	84	84	—	—
136⅞	Do. 1st Preferred	114¾	114¾	—	—
118⅝	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	99⅞	99¾	—	—
—	Silver, Foreign Mined	64¾	65	—	—
—	Do. (U.S. mined) Ref.	99⅝	99⅝	—	—
17⅜	Inter. M.M. Com. Cts.	14⅛	14⅜	—	—
77⅛	Do. Prefd. Certs.	64	65½	—	—
60¾	Royal Dutch Oil	50⅜	50⅝	—	—
45⅞	Shell Transport	38½	38⅛	—	—
136⅛	Mexican Petroleum	114⅛	114⅜	—	—
63⅛	Pan-American Pet.	52½	52	—	—
12⅞	General Motors	10⅜	10⅜	—	—
65	U.S. Rubber	54¾	54⅛	—	—

* Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex Bonus. § Ex rights.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
Call Money	4½b. 5a.	4½b. 5a.
Ex. on Lond'n, 60 days' sight	4.17.25	4.16.00
Ex. on Lond'n, Demand Bills	4.20.25	4.19.00
Cable Transfers	4.20.75	4.19.50
Ex on Montreal	4.46.00	4.45.00
Cotton, Middling, Upland	18.20	18.00
Do. New Orleans, Middl'g	17.50	17.75
Cotton Seed Oil, P. Summer, Yellow-Spot	8.40	8.42
Cotton Seed Oil, Yellow, Mar.	8.75	8.79
Petroleum, Refined, in cases	18.50	18.50
Do. Standard, White	15.00	15.00
Do. Philadelph, Stan. do.	15.00	15.00
Do. Pennsylvania, Crude	4.00	4.00
Spirits of Turpentine	81.00	81.00
Do. Savannah	74½	74½
Resin, Grade K.	4.77½	4.80
Do. Grade F	3.90	4.00
Lard, Prime, Western Steam	8.77½	8.77½
Do. Midland West	9.40—50	9.40—50
Tallow, Special	6½	6½
Sugar (New Cuban)		3.36
Corn, Western, No. 2 Mixed	64½	64½
Wheat, No. 2 Hard Winter	126½	125
Do. No. 2 Red. Winter	127½	128
Do. No. 2 Mixed Durum	116½	116
Coffee, Rio No. 7	9⅛	9⅛
Flour, Spring Clears	4.50—5.25	4.50—5.25
Iron, No. 2 North'n. Foundry	19.00—20	19.00—20
Tin, Straits	32.75	33.00
Zinc, East St. Louis	4.92½	4.92½
Electrolytic Coppr, Spot	13⅞—14¼	13⅞—14¼
Do. do. Futures, Sept.	14	14
Freight, Heavy Grain, to U. Kingdom, per quarter	3/6	3/6
Freight, Heavy Grain, to Continent, per quarter	14—15	14—15
Freight, Cotton, to Liverpool (high density)	25	25
Do. Standard (per 100lb)	40	40

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

WHEAT.—Spot market easy, both winters 1½c. and mixed Durum ½c. down. Sixty-five boat-loads of wheat were engaged to-day by exporters. The visible supply of wheat in Canada increased 2,921,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 26,007,000 bushels. Receipts—Atlantic, 1,103,000; last year, 1,109,000. Clearances, 1,119,000; last year 2,197,000.

SUGAR—Spot irregular, 10 points lower. Porto Rican nominal. Sugar futures steady, 4 to 1 points down. January, 1.96; March, 2.07; May, 2.21; July, 2.37. To-day's sugar sales for January shipment, 25,000 bags of uncontrolled old crop Cuban at 3.41, and 20,000 bags of new Cuban at 3.36.

COTTON opened steady, 2 points down to 4 points up. Values rose afterwards on firm cables, buying by foreign interests, bullish East Indian crop estimates, a better public demand, strength of the cotton goods trade, and purchases by spot houses. A reaction set in, however, due to the unsatisfactory spot situation, Southern selling, realising, and reactionary selling, and the market closed barely steady, 8 points lower to 1 higher. Spot quiet at 15 points fall. New Orleans spot 25 points dearer. Receipts—Atlantic, 22,000; Gulf, 28,000. Exports—Britain, nil; Continent, 13,000. December, unquoted; January, 18.81; February, 18.78; March, 18.74; April, 18.55; May, 18.31; June, 18.10; July, 17.87; August, 17.65; September, 17.30; October, 16.96.

PETROLEUM steady.

ST. LOUIS firm at 2½c. gain. No. 2 red winter 122.

MINNEAPOLIS easy, ½c. down. No. 1 Northern spring 129½.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened easy, ½c. to ½c. lower, and closed irregularly, ½c. to ½c. down. December, 108½; May, 112½. Oats steady, ½c. advance. May, 45½.

CHICAGO, Wednesday.

WHEAT opened easy and unchanged to ½c. down, and fell further owing to increasing stocks, an expected bearish Bureau report, a slow outside and export demand, bearish Liverpool cables, and Armour interests selling; but partially advanced later on a milling demand, large seaboard clearances, and shorts covering, the market closing steady, ½c. down to ⅝c. up. Spot dull. Receipts—Western 519,000, last year 814,000; this season 290,751,000, last season 226,071,000. No. 2 hard winter, spot, nominal; No. 3 hard winter, spot, nominal. December, 112½; May, 110½; July, 105½.

CORN opened easy, ½c. to ½c. lower, and further receded on larger country offerings and receipts, lower cash markets, and hedge selling; then partially recovered under rumours of export business, bullish Buenos Ayres cables, and covering of shorts. The market closed steady, ½c. down to unchanged. Receipts—Western 1,396,000, last year 926,000; this season 169,822,000, last season 98,216,000. No. 2 mixed, spot, 48½. December, 48½; May, 54½; July, 56.

OATS irregular, ½c. lower to ½c. higher. December, 34½; May, 38½; July, 39½.

PROVISIONS opened quiet, and strengthened somewhat early on a firm hog market and a demand from outsiders, but later partially declined owing to realising and local selling; and closed dull, with lard unchanged, pork 10 up, and ribs unchanged to 7½ points cheaper. Lard—January, 8.77½; March, 8.97½; May, 9.17½. Pork—January, 14.95. Ribs—January, 8.02½; May, 8.15.

BACON steady and unchanged. The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1, total 4,576,000, against 4,864,000 for the same season last year.

HOGS firm, 15 to 10 points up. Receipts—Western 8,000, last year 124,000; Chicago 23,000, last year 26,000.

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HOLIDAY MOTOR TRAGEDIES.

Two women were killed in motor car accidents in Glasgow during the week end—Miss Margaret Brechin and Mrs. Mackensie. They were injured by cars within half a mile of each other and died in the infirmary.

No Christmas treat is quite complete, Without some WELCO Cocoa.—(Advt.)

The death is announced from Madrid of the well-known painter of ceramics, Senor Daniel Zuloaga.

BANK OF IRELAND MALE CLERKSHIPS.
Examination Announced for 21st Feby.
At the last exam., July, 1921, 16 Students of SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green, Dublin, were successful. BEST RESULT. Previous exam., Feby., 1921, 10 of the 14 Students sent forward were successful. BEST RESULT. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes working.—(Advt.)

FINANCIAL NEW[S]

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

BUSINESS RESUMED. HOLIDAY MA[RKET] RAILS AND GUINNESS BETTE[R]

Business was resumed yesterday mor[ning on] the Dublin Stock Exchange after the Ch[ristmas] holidays, which extended over from T[...] evening last; but there was certainly [...] accumulation of orders in the hands [of] stockbrokers, and dealings were conclu[ded] within the business hour. The Funds [showed] few irregular changes, but, while Consol[s ...] War Loan 5 p.c. was steady. Banks [...] time, but with Bank Stock weaker. [There] was a good demand for Guinness Sh[ares ...] improved levels. Home Rails on bal[ance im]proved. Dublin Trams offered to a [...] extent. Dunlops were featureless. [...] advanced further, and Bolands Pre[f. ...] wanted. Textiles were steady. Burk[e ...] were less firm.

The Funds were dealt in to some [extent.] Consols fell ⅛ to 49⅝, and Guaranteed [...] p.c. ⅛ to 60. War Loan 5 p.c. repea[ted ...] Ditto 4 p.c. fell to 96⅛. Local Loans [...] 55¼ and India 3½ p.c. 58.

Banks were quiet. Bank Stock fell ½ [...] while Hibernians at 6 and Nationals at [...] unaltered.

Among Breweries, Guinness Ord. [...] better at 41⅛, after touching 41⅞ for [...] lot. The Pref. improved ⅛ to 10[...] Power and Son Pref. were firm at 17s. [...] Steam, Telegraph, Tyre, and Misc[ellaneous] Securities were idle.

There was some bidding for Hom[e Rails.] Dublin and South-Eastern rose ½ to 18, [...] "B" Debs., which had recently rall[ied sub]stantially, fell 1 to 52. Great Sout[hern ...] proved ⅛ to 50, and the Guaranteed 1[...] but the Debs. fell ½ to 67½. Midlan[d ...] Western rose 1 to 29, and Great Northe[rn ...] to 67½.

In Trams, Dublin United Ord. fell [...] for an odd lot. Dunlops were very quiet. Parent Ty[re ...] neglected. Dunlop Rubber Ord. [...] 9d.

In Bakery Shares, Bolands Pref. ro[se ...] ½ bid; and in Drapery Shares Arn[ott ...] rose a further ⅛ to 4⅞.

Among Manufacturing Shares, Coat[s ...] at 50s. and fell to 49s. 10½d. Cott[on ...] wanted. Calico Pref. improved 9d. to 1[...]

In Trading, etc., Burke Pref. fell 1[...] 6s. x-d. Mexican Eagels realised 76s. [...] Shells improved to 95s. at the later [...] Imperial Tobacco repeated 49s. 3d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSI[ONS]

Consols ......(50) 49⅝	G.S.W. Ord. ...	
5% War Loan..(91⅛) 91⅛	Do. Guar. ...	
do. (Deed) 96⅛	Do. Deb. ...	
5% War Bonds, 1928..96⅞	M.G.W. Ord. ...	
do., 1929 ...... 100⅛	G.N. Deb. ...	
3% Land Stock.(60⅛) 60	Dublin Trams ...	
Local Loans 55¼	Bolands Pref...(5	
India 3½% 58	Arnott Ord...(4	
Bank Ireland.(196½) 195	Calico Pref...(1	
Hibernian ......(6) 6	Coats (50-) '5	
National ......(18) *18	Do. B Pref...(2	
Guinness..(41⅛) 41⅛-⅛-⅛	Burke Pref...(6	
Do. Pref. ......(10⅛) 10⅛	Dunlops ...	
Power Pref....(17/9) 17/9	Imp. Tob...(4	
D.S.E. Ord. ......(17½) 18	Mex. Eagles.(7	
Do. B Deb......(53) 52	Shells ......(9	

*Odd lot.

(Last business done given in parenth[eses].)

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange met yesterday mor[ning ...] no transactions were recorded. There [was no] afternoon sitting.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPH[S]

The monthly bulletin of the National [City Bank] of New York says that the State of Okla[homa ...] the questionable distinction of [having in]augurated the system of establishing a [...] for bank deposits by means of a "fund p[...] tax on deposits. The theory is that of [...] but it has certain fundamental weakness[es that a]re more serious in their effects upon ban[ks ...] their relation to most other kinds of [...] which insurance is applied. Insurance [...] a protection against unavoidable ha[zards ...] dangerous whenever it tends to increase the [...] the insurance or guaranty of bank depo[sits ...] increase the hazards by eliminating [...] character as a banker's asset. It tends [...] all banks look alike to the public, and [the ca]reful, conservative banker, who is willing [...] large promises and take large chances, [...] advantage.

It is to be regretted that at this ea[rly date] the Rubber Growers' Association and [the Sh]areholders' Association have failed to a[gree on] the propaganda question. This, however, [has d]eterred the younger body from proceed[ing with] its scheme. Briefly, the scheme is to [find o]utlets for rubber, exploit and "boost" [...] operation is suggested with manufactur[ers ...] splendid in theory; but, unless efforts [...] to produce articles at popular prices, the [...] a whole, will not benefit much by wha[t ...] uses can be found for rubber. Take rub[ber floor] covering as a case in point. As a subs[titute ...] linoleum or for putting under carpets it [...] right on. This is sim[ply ...] Ruinously high cost; yet the h[...] aged covering is probably a less co[...] to-day the manufacture of linoleum. [...] we would experiment in this dire[ction ...] object of producing a cheaper artic[le ...] will attend its efforts. We suggest this [...] article because a ready market exists fo[r ...] and durable floor-covering. Moreover, it[s ...] ture in great quantity should present [...] surmountable difficulties.

The receipt of better traffics has led to [...] of interest in the Argentine Railway sec[tion ...] the recovery in prices is already substan[tial ...] returns recently published disclose not [...] gross earnings are expanding, but tha[t ...] expenses are being curtailed. In the c[ase of ...] Great Southern, the ratio of expenses [...] last week was only 69 per cent. as com[pared with] 90 per cent. in the corresponding week [...] ago, whilst B.A. Western is working at [...] about 80 per cent. as against 97.7 p[er cent. last] year. The tendency in greater or less [degree is] probably the same all round, and, wh[ile ...] satisfactory, it should be borne in mi[nd that ...] companies have yet to benefit from [the fall in the] cost of coal, as disclosed in recent contra[cts ...] as from other economics. With the [...] season now commencing, future traffic [...] awaited with unusual interest.

One gratifying feature in the la[te ...] return is the evidence afforded of th[e ...] popularity among investors of the new [...] Treasury Bonds. Despite the higher pr[ice ...] these Bonds were recently placed "o[n ...] week's sales brought in over £10,000,0[00 ...] raised with £8,500,000 in the prec[eding ...] The total since the Bonds were orig[inally issued] in July now amounts to about £168,00[0,000 ...] larger sales, together with an exce[ss ...] over expenditure, has enabled the Go[vernment to] reduce floating debt by nearly £46,00[0,000 ...] of England advances having been en[tirely paid] off. It is also gratifying to note tha[t ...] with twelve months ago, the financi[al ...] much more satisfactory. There was [...] draft at the Bank of England of [...] whilst the total of the floating [debt was] £120,000,000 greater than it is at [present].

The following information is issued [by the] Russo-Asiatic Company's interests in [...] Russia:—"France—Results have been [...] Bore-hole No. 18, at Villemagne, [...] depth of 300 feet a width of 6ft. of [...] 8 p.c. lead, 10 p.c. zinc, and 3 ozs. [...] Russia—The company's agent in Mos[cow has] officially requested to inform the co[mpany of the] desire of the Soviet Government t[o open ne]gotiations for return of the company's [...]

The Mount Lyell Mining and Rail[way Co.] have received the following cable, d[ated ...] inst., from their head office at Melb[ourne: ...] tralian Workers' Union (Mining Secti[on ...] of the arbitration court reduces bas[ic wage ...] pence per day, but provides for we[...] guard against abuse. Hours not [...] we expect continuation of present sy[stem.]"

The transfer books of the Gran[d Trunk Rail]way's Irredeemable Debenture Stock [will be closed] from 8th to 14th January, both days [inclusive.]

The Broken Hill Proprietary Co., [...] received the following cable from the[ir ...] Melbourne:—"The directors of the Br[oken Hill Pro]prietary Co., Ltd., now officially a[nnounce ...] works at Newcastle (N.S.W.) be c[losed during] holidays. Three large blast furna[ces ...] working some time, but two have b[een ...] One only will remain in blast fo[r ...] This will entail a corresponding re[duction in] ancillary operations throughout the [...] steel plant coke ovens and numer[ous ...] mills will be affected immediately [...] of the blast furnaces. When operat[ions ...] towards the end of January it is a[...] these departments will only produ[ce ...] their recent output, keeping them [...] work done by the blast furnaces d[...] average number of men employed [...] steel works is approximately 5,500, [...] tion indicated above will reduce [...] 1,500 to 1,800 men. This unfor[tunate step] becomes compulsory owing to the [...] petition the company has met fr[om manu]facturers in Europe, who on accou[nt of low] production costs are able to land [...] in Australia at considerably low[er prices ...] similar products can be produced [...] enabled to do this in spite of [...] measures."

TRAFFICS.

Buenos Ayres G.S.—Week to [...] £54,000—increase £21,000; Entre [Rios ...] Week to Dec. 24, £19,400—decrease [...] Southern of Spain Railway—Wee[k ...] Ps.84,630—decrease Ps.34,897; B[...] Railway—Week to Nov. 26, Rs.5[...] Rs.12,904; Rohilkund and Kumaon [...] to Nov. 26, Rs.47,230—decrease [...] now Bareilly State Railway—Wee[k ...] Rs.89,006—increase Rs.3,082; Gra[nd ...] way—Week to Dec. 21, £2[...] £85,390; Mexican Railway—Wee[k ...] $282,200—decrease $27,300; Cen[tral ...] Week to Dec. 24, £167,000—de[crease ...] Canadian Pacific—Week to Dec. 2[1 ...] decrease $1,044,000; Alcoy and G[andia ...] Week to Dec. 24, Ps.27,000—in[crease ...] Cordoba Central—Week to Dec. [...] increase £7,600; San Paulo Railwa[y ...] 25, £22,185—decrease £13,918; C[...] Railway—Week to Dec. 21, £1,2[...] $340,600; Buenos Ayres and Paci[fic ...] 24, £137,000—increase £20,000; [...] Railway—Week to Dec. 24, £8,40[0 ...] Leopoldina Railway—Week to De[c. ...] decrease £5,843; B.A. Western R[ailway ...] Dec. 24, net £11,000—increase [...] Light Railway—Week to Dec. 3, R[s. ...] Rs.4,100; Suez Canal—Dec. 17 to [...] Underground Electric Railways Co[mpany ...] —Week ended Dec. 24, [...] and Suburban Traction Group—W[...] £6, £51,072.

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The Funds were dealt in to some extent. Consols fell ⅛ to 49⅞, and Guaranteed Land 2¾ p.c. ¼ to 60. War Loan 5 p.c. repeated 91¼. Ditto 4 p.c. fell to 96⅛. Local Loans realised 55, and India 3½ p.c. 58.

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Steam, Telegraph, Tyre, and Miscellaneous securities were idle.

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Dunlops were very quiet. Parent Tyres were neglected. Dunlop Rubber Ord. repeated 6s. 9d.

In Bakery Shares, Bolands Pref. rose ⅛ to 5⅛ bid; and in Drapery Shares Arnott Ord. rose a further ¼ to 4⅛.

Among Manufacturing Shares, Coats opened at 50s. and fell to 49s. 10½d. Cottons were wanted. Calico Pref. improved 9d. to 13s.

In Trading, etc., Burke Pref. fell 1s. 7d. to 60s. x.d. Mexican Eagels realised 76s. 3d., and Shells improved to 95s. at the later market. Imperial Tobacco repeated 49s. 3d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Consols	(50) 49⅞	G.S.W. Ord.	(49½) 50
War Loan	(91⅛) 91¼	Do. Guar.	(62½) 64
do. (Deed)	96⅛	Do. Deb.	(68) *67½
War Bonds, 1928	96⅛	M.G.W. Ord.	(28) 29
do., 1928	100⅛	G.N. Deb.	(67) *67¼
Land Stock (60¼)	60	Dublin Trams	(7½) *7⅛
Local Loans	55½	Bolands Pref.	(5⅛) 5⅛ b
India 3½%	58	Arnott Ord.	(88/9) 91/3
Bank Ireland (195½)	195	Calico Pref.	(12/3) 13/-
Hibernian	(6) 6	Coats	(50/-) *50/-49/10½
National	(18) *18	Do. B Pref.	(21/-) *21/-
Guinness (41⅛)	41⅛-*⅜	Burke Pref.	(61/7) 60/-
Do. Pref.	(10⅛) 10⅛	Dunlops	(6/9) 6/9
Power Pref.	(17/9) 17/9	Imp. Tob.	(49/3) 49/3
D.S.E. Ord.	(17½) 18	Mex. Eagles	(73/1½) 76/3
Do. B Deb.	(53) 52	Shells	(93/1½) 95/-

*Odd lot.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange met yesterday morning, but no transactions were recorded. There was no afternoon sitting.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The monthly bulletin of the National City Bank of New York says that the State of Oklahoma has had the questionable distinction of having inaugurated the system of establishing a guaranty for bank deposits by means of a fund provided by a tax on deposits. The theory is that of insurance, but it has certain fundamental weaknesses, which are more serious in their effects upon banking than in their relation to most other kinds of business to which insurance is applied. Insurance is sound as a protection against unavoidable hazards, but dangerous whenever it tends to increase the hazards. The insurance or guaranty of bank deposits tends to increase the hazards by eliminating the value of character as a banker's asset. It tends to make all banks look alike to the public, and puts the careful, conservative banker, who is willing to make large promises and take large chances, at a disadvantage.

It is to be regretted that at this early stage the Rubber Growers' Association and the Rubber Shareholders' Association have failed to agree upon the propaganda question. This, however, has not deterred the younger body from proceeding with its scheme. Briefly, the scheme is to find new outlets for rubber, exploit and "boost" same. Co-operation is suggested with manufacturers. This is splendid in theory, but, unless efforts are made to produce articles at popular prices, the industry, as a whole, will not benefit much by whatever new uses can be found for rubber. Take rubber floor-covering as a case in point. As a substitute for linoleum or for putting under carpets in place of felt, it is ... high cost; this is simply owing ... the making of ... ering is probably a less complicated ... to the manufacture of linoleum. Now, if ... would experiment in this direction with the object of producing a cheaper article, success ... attend its efforts. We suggest this particular article because a ready market exists for a cheap and durable floor-covering. Moreover, its manufacture in great quantity should present no unsurmountable difficulties.

The receipt of better traffics has led to a revival of interest in the Argentine Railway securities, and the recovery in prices is already substantial. The returns recently published disclose not only that gross earnings are expanding, but that working expenses are being curtailed. In the case of the Great Southern, the ratio of expenses to receipts last week was only 69 per cent. as compared with 90 per cent. in the corresponding week of a year ago, whilst B.A. Western is working at a ratio of about 80 per cent. as against 97.7 per cent. last year. The tendency in greater or less degree is probably the same all round, and whilst this is satisfactory, it should be borne in mind that the companies have yet to benefit from the reduced cost of coal, as disclosed in recent contracts, as well as from other economies. With the busy grain season now commencing, future traffic returns are awaited with unusual interest.

One gratifying feature in the latest revenue return is the evidence afforded of the continued popularity among investors of the new 5½ per cent. Treasury Bonds. Despite the higher price at which these Bonds were recently placed "on tap," last week's sales brought in over £10,000,000, as compared with £8,500,000 in the preceding week. The total since the Bonds were originally issued in July now amounts to about £168,000,000. These larger sales, together with an excess of revenue over expenditure, has enabled the Government to reduce floating debt by nearly £46,000,000, Bank of England advances having been entirely cleared off. It is also gratifying to note that, as compared with twelve months ago, the financial position is much more satisfactory. There was then an overdraft at the Bank of England of £53,000,000, whilst the total of the floating debt was £120,000,000 greater than it is at present.

The following information is issued regarding the Russo-Asiatic Company's interests in France and Russia:—"France—Results have been received from Bore-hole No. 18, at Villemagne, indicating at a depth of 300 feet a width of 6ft. of ore, assaying 8 p.c. lead, 10 p.c. zinc, and 3 ozs. silver per ton. Russia—The company's agent in Moscow has been officially requested to inform the company of the desire of the Soviet Government to resume negotiations for return of the company's properties."

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Co., Ltd., have received the following cable, dated the 23rd inst., from their head office at Melbourne:—"Australian Workers' Union (Mining Section)—The award of the arbitration court reduces basis rate of sixpence per day, but provides for weekly wage safeguard against abuse. Hours not yet settled, but we expect continuation of present system."

The transfer books of the Grand Canal Company's Irredeemable Debenture Stock will be closed from 8th to 14th January, both days inclusive.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Co., Ltd., have received the following cable from the head office in Melbourne:—"The directors of the Broken Hill Proprietary Co., Ltd., now officially advise that the works at Newcastle (N.S.W.) be closed over the holidays. Three large blast furnaces have been working some time, but two have been blown out. One only will remain in blast for the present. This will entail a corresponding reduction of productive operations throughout the whole works. Steel plant coke ovens and numerous subsidiary mills will be affected immediately by the closing of the blast furnaces. When operations are resumed towards the end of January it is anticipated that these departments will only produce one-third of their recent output, keeping them in line with the work done by the blast furnace department. The average number of men employed by the iron and steel works is approximately 8,500, and the reduction indicated above will reduce the number to 3,500 to 1,800 men. This unfortunate position becomes compulsory owing to the extreme competition the company has met from steel manufacturers in Europe, who on account of their low production costs are able to land their products in Australia at considerably lower figures than similar products can be produced here. They are enabled to do this in spite of existing tariff measures."

TRAFFICS.

Buenos Ayres G.S.—Week to Dec. 24, net £54,000—increase £21,000; Entre Rios Railway—Week to Dec. 24, £19,400—decrease £2,700; Great Southern of Spain Railway—Week to Dec. 17, Ps.54,638—decrease Ps.34,897; Bengal and N.W. Railway—Week to Nov. 26, Rs.575,310—decrease Rs.12,904; Rohilkund and Kumaon Railway—Week to Nov. 26, Rs.47,230—decrease Rs.4,113; Lucknow Bareilly State Railway—Week to Nov. 26, Rs.59,006—increase Rs.3,082; Grand Trunk Railway—Week to Dec. 21, £255,170—decrease £63,390; Mexican Railway—Week to Dec. 21, $282,200—decrease $27,300; Central Argentine—Week to Dec. 24, £167,000—decrease £18,000; Canadian Pacific—Week to Dec. 21, $3,440,000—decrease $1,044,000; Alcoy and Gandia Railway—Week to Dec. 24, Ps.27,000—increase Ps.7,000; Cordoba Central—Week to Dec. 24, £45,100—decrease £7,600; San Paulo Railway—Week to Dec. 25, £22,183—decrease £13,918; Canadian Northern Railway—Week to Dec. 21, $1,223,200—decrease $340,600; Buenos Ayres and Pacific—Week to Dec. 24, £137,000—increase £20,000; Argentine N.E. Railway—Week to Dec. 24, £8,400—decrease £200; Leopoldina Railway—Week to Dec. 24, £30,415—decrease £5,843; B.A. Western Railway—Week to Dec. 24, net £11,000—increase £11,000; Barsi Light Railway—Week to Dec. 3, Rs.27,200—increase Rs.6,100; Suez Canal—Dec. 17 to 22, 2,230,000 fr.; Underground Electric Railways Common Fund Companies—Week ended Dec. 24, £232,609; London and Suburban Traction Group—Week ended Dec. 24, £51,072.

The death is announced from Madrid of the well-known painter of ceramics, Senor Daniel Zuloaga.

BANK OF IRELAND MALE CLERKSHIPS.
Examination Announced for 21st Feby.
At the last exam., July, 1921, 16 Students of SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green, Dublin, were successful. BEST RESULT. Previous exam., Feby., 1921, 10 of the 14 Students sent forward were successful. BEST RESULT. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes working.—(Advt.)

RUSSIA AND STOCKS.

ARGENTINE RAILS RISING.

(FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.)

Two features stood out predominantly yesterday when the House reassembled after the holiday recess—the further strength of Argentine Rails and inquiries for all classes of Russian Securities. In the former case the sustained revival is due to the better traffic returns now being published, disclosing not only an expansion in gross earnings, but also a curtailment of working costs. Interest in Russian Securities is not merely confined to Government Bonds, but extends to Municipal Loans, as well as to Railway, Mining, and Oil shares. The direct influence behind the movement is the possibility of the rehabilitation of Russia financially and economically to a position of equality among the great European Powers. The expected forthcoming visit of the chiefs of the Soviet Foreign Department to London preliminary to the summoning of representatives of Soviet Russia to a European conference at which problems of a financial and economic character will be dealt with is leading the market to take a hopeful view of favourable results accruing from the course of deliberations.

LONDON STOCK MARKETS FIRM.

PRICES NOT REALLY TESTED.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

On the Stock markets after the holidays business was found to be very scarce, and the vast majority of prices were not really tested. The undertone, however, was very firm particularly in the Gilt-edged section, while the strength of Russian and Argentine Rails were features. The market for British Funds at the opening was rather easier, but a firm tendency developed on the strength of the 5 per cent. War Loan, which rose ⅛ to 91¼. Consols rose ⅛ to 50⅛. The Funding Loan was very strong, and at 75¾ was ⅜ higher. Victory Bonds, too, were good, and at 81¾ were ½ better. The Conversion Loan was unchanged on the day. Treasury Bonds were dull. India 3½ per cent. rose ¼ to 58¼.

Among FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, French Loans were firm, the Fives being 1 up at 41¼. German Threes were unchanged. Mexican Sixes at 49 rose a point. The rumours from the United States that the changes in Russia might bring about a resumption of trade relations between the United States and Russia, led to a marking up of Russian Bonds, and the 5 per cent. at the close were a point higher at 13½. Uruguay 3½ per cent. rose ½ to 51.

HOME RAILS were lifeless, and the only change of importance recorded was a rise of ½ in Metropolitan Districts.

Among COLONIAL and FOREIGN RAILS, "Canpacs" were unchanged. Grand Trunk Ord., fell ¼ to 1⅝. Argentines were strongly supported and substantial advances recorded. "B.A.G.S." rose 1½ to 56, Pacifics 1 to 36, Westerns 2½ to 55, and Centrals 2½ to 53. Argentine Great Western Ord. rose 1 to 34½. Armavir Touapse at 8½ were 1 higher. Entre Rios Ord. rose ½ to 15, and the Pref. 1 to 41. Leopoldina rose ½ to 24½. Milwaukie rose 1¼ to 22½, and Southern Pacific fell 1 to 93.

QUIET OIL SHARES.

RISES IN RUSSIANS.

(FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.)

Quiet conditions prevailed in the Oil Share market yesterday, where holiday influences were still in evidence, while the attendance was small. Consequently, the volume of business was small, with interest restricted to a few specialities. Taken as a whole, however, a steady tendency was maintained by the leaders, which, where altered, showed small gains. Continental centres were doing nothing in their favourites, but while Paris was reported to be dull, Mexican Eagles preserved a steady tone. Royal Dutch, despite the absence of support from Amsterdam, finished higher on the day. An outstanding feature was a revival of interest in Russian descriptions, arising out of the possibilities in connection with the proposed conference between the Prime Minister and representatives of the Russian Soviet Government. Active bidding took place for Spies, North Caucasians, and Ural Caspians, and the market being none too well supplied with the shares a sharp upward movement occurred, although little actual business was transacted. Leading descriptions moved within narrow limits. Mexical Eagles opened firm at 3⅝, and kept around this price practically all day, finishing in the street at 3⅝, which left them unchanged on balance, the Prefs. also leaving off without alteration at 3⅝. Shells were alternately bid for and offered at 4⅝, closing either side of the price, the result of the day's business being a gain of ⅛, while Royal Dutch, after touching 36⅞, finished ⅛ up at 36⅛. Burmahs, which at one time were as good as 6⅛, were finally unchanged at 6⅛. Anglo-Persian 2nd Prefs., bear repurchases of which caused the shares to move up smartly towards the end of last week, reacted yesterday, the final price of 24s. showing a decline of 7½d., and the 1st Prefs. weakened in sympathy to 23s. 1½d. Closing prices:—

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-Amer.	4⅛-4⅛+⅛	Maikop Pet.	⅝-⅝
Anglo-Burma	0/9-1/3-/1½	Mex. Eagle	3⅝-3⅝
Anglo-Egyp. B.	1⅛-1⅛-⅛	Do. Pref.	3⅝-3⅝
Anglo-Maikop	4/6-5/6	Nat. Pet.	⅝-⅝
An-Per. 6%	22/10½-23/4½-/1½	Nth. Caucasian	⅜-⅜+⅜
do. 8% 2nd Pf.	23/9-24/3-/7½	Oilfields Egypt	3/6-4/0
Anglo-United	1/6-2/6	Oilfields Fin.	1/6-2/0
Apex Trin.	1⅛-1⅛+⅛	Oilfields Eng.	⅝-⅝
Alian. Oil Syn.	[illegible]	Oil Trust	1/1½-1/4½
Brit. Bor. Pet.	⅛-⅛+⅛	Phoenix	8/9-9/3-/1⅝
Brit. Burmah	⅛-⅝	Prem. Oil	2/4½-2/10½
Brit. Col. Pet.	⅛-⅝	Peru Synd.	3/0-4/0
Brit. Cont. P.	5/9-6/9	Rum. Con.	7/6-8/6
Brit. Mir. Spir.	6/0-7/0	Royal Dutch	36-36⅛+⅜
Burmah	6⅛-6⅛	Scot.-Amer.	1/10½-2/4½
do. 8% Pf.	22/6-23/0	Shell Trans.	4⅝-4⅝+⅛
Caltex	2/9-3/3	Do. Pref.	4⅝-4⅝
Chiloles	⅛-⅝	Spies	5/6-6/0+1/1⅝
Copan Oil	2/6-3/6	Std. Mex. A.	0/6-0/9
Cyprus Trust	2/0-2/6	Star Develop.	1/1-1/7
Dacia Romano	⅝-⅝	Tampico Pan.	1/0-1/6
Eagle Trans.	4⅛-5	Tank. Pf.	4/7⅝-5/1⅝-/1⅝
English Oilfields	⅝-⅝	Transval	⅛-⅛
Gosman Oil	⅛-⅝	Trin. Cent.	3⅛-3⅝
Gen. Pet. Trin.	7/3-8/3	Trin. Dom.	3/0-4/0
Hamilton's Oil	2/3-2/9	Trin. Lease	1⅛-1⅛
Hanna Oil	1/4⅝-1/7½	Un. Brit. Trin.	⅛-⅝
Indo Burma	6/6-7/6	Ural Casp	⅜-⅜+⅜
KernR'(10/).	18/10½-19/4½	Uroz Oilfields	5/0-5/6
Lobitos	4⅛-4⅛-⅛	Var Oil	7/9-8/3
Maik. Taman	20/0-21/0		

*x.d. †x all.

RUBBER SHARE MARKET IDLE.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The Rubber Share market was dull, but the tone was not bad. Changes, however, were few. Bah Lias rose 1s. 3d. to 20s., and Asahan 6d. to 9s., while Rubber Estates of Johore fell 1s. 3d. to 18s., and Sennah 6d. to 11s. 9d. The price of the raw material remained at 11½d. per lb. Closing prices:—

Anglo-Dutch	23/10½-/4½	Mooply Valley	13/9
Anglo-Java	2/7-/0½	Nordanal	12/10½
Anglo-Malay	22/9	N. Hummock	11/4½
Anglo-Sum	36/9	P.P.K.(C'yl'n)	18/9
Asahan	9/0+0/6	Pahang Para	2/3⅛
Bah Lias	20/0+1/3	Pataling	17/6
Batu Caves	18/3	Pegoh	32/6
Batu Tiga	27/9	Pilmoor	17/6
Bertam Consl.	4/0½*-0/1	Port Dickson	1/9
B.N.B.R. Trst	6/6	Rub. E. Johore	18/0-1/3
Bikam	2/4½	Rub. Es. Krian	1/4½
Brieh	1/3½	Rub. Trust	15/9
Bukit Cloh.	2/9	Sablas	10/0
Bukit Mert.	2/9	Sapong	15/7½
Bukit Rajah	17/0	Sapumalk'de.	17/6
Bukit Semb.	1/7+0/1	Seafield	14/0
Castlefield	4/0½	Sedenak	11/3
Chersonese	2/7½	Selaba	16/4½
Cheviot	2/6	Selangor	5/4½
Cicely	4/8¼+/0⅜	Sempah	13/9
Con. Malay	3/7½-0/3	Sendayan	21/0
Damansara	12/3	Sennah	11/9-0/6
Eastern Trust	11/6	Serambah	8/3½
Glenbervie	15/3	Serdang Cent'l	12/7½
Golden Hope	18/6	Sialang	20/0
Grand Central	16/6	Sing. United	0/10½
Highlands	29/9	Soember Ajoe	1/1½
Inch Kenneth	40/0	Straits Rub.	17/6
Java Amal.	10/0	Strathmore	10/10½
K po'-Kust'n.	6/6	Sumatra Cons.	15/6
Kamuning	2/4	Sumatra Para	3/0-0/3
Kapar Para	26/3	Sungei Bahru	10/0
Kuantan	11/3	Sungei Buaya	20/0
Kepitigalla	7/0-0/1½	Sungei Choh	16/3
Kepong	3/11½	Sungei Kapar	4/0
Kimanis	5/6	Sungei Kri'nP	26/9
Kinta Kellas	2/4½	Sungei Salak	31/7½
Koratbek	2/1½	Sungei Way	22/6
Kuala Lump.	26/10½	Talping	1/0
Labu	22/6	Tali Ayer	20/0
Lanadron	12/3	Tamiang	18/9
Langkat Sum.	17/6	Tandjong	23/9
Langkon	2/0	Tebrau	26/0
Ledbury	23/7½	Telogoredjo	29/0
Landa	24/4½	Tempah	0/10½
Linggi	23/9	Toerangie	13/0
Lok Kawi	1/3	Tremelbye	12/6
Lon.-Asiatic	3/3-/0½	Un. Langkat	16/3
Malacca	41/3	Un Serdang	2/10-/0½
do. Pref.	35/0	Un.SuaB'tong	62/6
do. Deb.	97	Un.Sumatra	2/6
Malayalam	15/10½	Un. Tamiang	2/4½-/0½
Manch'ter NB	12/9	Val D'Or	2/0
Membakut	3/9	Vallambrosa	12/3-0/1½
Merbau	1/9	Way-Halim	0/11
Merlimau	3/3	Yam Seng	2/3½+/0½

*Ex-div.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors extremely quiet and scarcely altered. Rovers and Standards maintained. Rolls Royce firm. Dunlops lacked support. Parent Deferred show small loss. Austins, 3/-; Belsize, 10/7½; Components, 7/-; S.T.D., 9/-; Enfields, 27/-; Humbers, 16/3; Napiers, 9/6; Rolls Royce, 19/-; Rovers, 17/3; Singers, 17/-; Swifts, 11/-; Triumphs, 33/6; Vauxhalls, 5/9; Dunlops, 6/9; Parent Deferred, 26/4½; Harper Bean, 1/6; Standards, 25/-.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles again a very firm market. Bleachers, 27/- to 27/3; do. Pref., 17/3 to 17/9; Calicos, 15/9 to 16/-; do. Pref., 12/9 to 13/-; Bradford Dyers, 33/3 to 33/9; do. Pref., 16/3 to 16/9; Sewing Cottons, 33/- to 33/6; do. Pref., 16/6 to 17/-; Fine Spinners, 34/- to 34/6; do. Pref., 16/6 to 16/9; "Slubbers," 4/9 to 5/3; Coats, 49/6 to 50/-; Velvets, 23/- to 24/-.

It is stated in Strabane that butter will fall in price very soon by 8d. per lb., and that in a short period it will be selling at pre-war prices.

SMALL INDUSTRIALS.

DUNLOPS WEAKER.

FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.

With the holiday spirit still very much in evidence, combined with the fact that the Provincial Exchanges were closed soon after midday, business in the Miscellaneous and Industrial Markets yesterday was on a very small scale. Dunlops were hardly so good. Marconis kept steady.

Support was forthcoming for B.A.T. on dividend anticipations, and the price rose 1s. to 62s. United Tobaccos went ahead again, being still under the influence of the dividend declaration, the quotation rising ⅛ to 5⅛. Imperials remained at 49s. The declaration of a final dividend of 1 p.c. for the year ended September 30 last by the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, and also an interim dividend of 1¼ p.c. for the current year on the Ord., came rather too late to have any effect on the shares, which closed without alteration at 18s. Marconis and the Pref. were maintained at 1⅛ in the Wireless group, and Marines continued at 20s. 6d. x.d. Cables remained steady at previous levels, while Nitrates scarcely moved. Pekin Syndicates appreciated in the Land group, rising 1s. to 9s., while the Shansi Shares put on ⅛ to ⅛. Forestals held their ground at 20s. 3d., but Hudson's Bays lost ⅛ to 5⅛ x.d. Barclays A and B hardened to 8⅛ and 46s. 3d. respectively among Bank Shares, and in the Insurance group, Guardians improved to 6⅛.

COURTAULDS BETTER.

In the Textile section, Courtaulds exhibited firmness, and although showing no change on balance at 37s., dealings took place at 37s. 3d. Spinners hardened to 1⅛, while Coats continued at 49s. x.d. and bonus, and Sewing Cottons at 1⅛. Dyestuffs Ord. and Pref. both lost ⅛ at ⅛ and ⅛ respectively. Amalgamated Cottons kept steady at 11s. 3d. Among Stores descriptions, T. Wallis rose ⅛ to 1⅛, and Maples recovered to 1⅛, though John Barkers re-acted to 34s. 6d. In the Foodstuff list, Maypoles gained the turn at 6s. 9d., and Tate and Lyle Pref. improved to ⅞ x.d. Van Den Berghs, however, closed without change at 1⅛. Caterers were quietly steady at previous levels, while among Breweries, Allsopp Ord. and Pref. remained at 45 and 52½ respectively. Bieckerts Ord. rose 2½ to 92½, but Ind. Coope lost ⅛ at 1¼ x.d. and bonus. In the Canadian-American department, Brazil Tractions lost ½ at 31.

RECENT DEBENTURES.

Few important changes took place among recent Deb. issues. County of London improved to 10 prem., Midland Counties to ¾ prem., and Newcastle Electrics to ⅝ prem. Telephone Manufacturing Income Bonds remained at 4 discount. Among Miscellaneous trading concerns Lever 7 and 8 p.c. Prefs. further hardened to 16s. 3d. Oil Cakes receded to 22s. 3d., though Cements improved to 13s. 6d. Dunlops lost the turn at 6s. 9d., Magadis and Salt Unions appreciated to 11s. and 14s. respectively, though Wall Paper Def. at 5s. 3d., and Welsbach at 13s. 6d., were not so good. Bells United Asbestos lost ⅛ at 1. Among Motors, S. Smith and Sons developed weakness on the unsatisfactory report, the Ord. falling to 2s. 6d., and the Pref. to 5s. Amalgamated Press put on another ⅛ to 6 among newspapers and printing concerns, but Associated Newspapers fell 6d. to 17s. 3d. Iron and Steel issues showed little change. Vickers and Armstrong remained at 9s. and 15s. respectively, though the 3rd Pref. of the latter hardened to 11s. 9d. Cammell Lairds at 12s., Dorman Longs 14s. 6d. x.d., Ebbw Vales 12s. 6d., Guest Keens 29s. 6d., and S. Durhams at 1⅛, all closed without quotable alteration. Sheffield Steel Products hardened to 7s. 6d. Shippings also shared in the quietude, hardly any movement occurring. The only bargain recorded in P. and O. Def. was at 304. South Metropolitan Ord. put on ½ to 75 among Gas Stocks, but Imperial-Continental still ruled at 139½.

DULL MINES.

(FROM THE FINANCIAL NEWS OF TO-DAY.)

It was quite evident on the resumption of business yesterday that the House had not entirely shaken off holiday influences. With only three working days this week and another vacation on Monday next, a good many members took advantage of the opportunity to extend the recess. The attendance of members was thin, and those who did put in an appearance found little to occupy their attention. This applies particularly to the Mining market, where, except for a few specialities, dealings were on an extremely limited scale. With regard to Kaffirs, the dividend announcements were regarded as disappointing, and the industrial outlook remains somewhat obscure, while a drop of 3d. to £4 17s. 10d. per oz. in the price of gold did not tend to improve matters. Advices from the Cape were not of that nature to arouse enthusiasm, and Paris, being busy with preparations for the end of the month settlement, took little interest in these descriptions. The extent and nature of the transactions put through may be fairly well gauged from the price movements, which numbered less than a dozen, and were all in the downward direction. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

Brakpan	[illegible]	Meyer&Charlton	3⅛-⅞
Cent. Mining (£8)	5⅛-⅛	Modderf't'n(10/)	3⅛-⅛
City Deep	[illegible]	Modder B (5/)	[illegible]
Cons. Goldfields	[illegible]	Modder D'p(5/)	[illegible]
Cons. Langlaagte	[illegible]	Modder East	4/6-7/6
Cons M. Reef	[illegible]	Nourse Mines	7/3-7/9
Con. Selec.(10/)	11/6-12/6	Rand Mines (5/)	1⅛-2
Crown M's (10/)	[illegible]	Randfontein	13/9-14/3-0/6
E. Rand Mining	[illegible]	do. Central	9/3-9/9
E. R. Prop.	4/1½-4/7½	Robs'nDp A(l)	[illegible]
Geduld	[illegible]	Rose Deep	11/6-12/6-0/3
General Mining	[illegible]	Springs Mines	[illegible]
Govern't M's	[illegible]	Tr'sConL(12/)	13/6-14/0
Johannesb'g In.	21/0-1/6-0/3	Union C'p(12/6)	14/6-15/6-0/3
Kleinfontein	4/3-5/3	Van RynDeep	[illegible]
Knight Cent.	4/3-5/3	Village Deep	7/3-7/9
Knight's	[illegible]	Witw'ters'd'D'p.	7/0-/6-0/3
Langlaagte Es.	11/6-12/-0/6		

RHODESIAN.

B. S. Af.	11/6-11/9+1⅛	R. B'ken Hill(5/)	5/3-/9
Cam & Motor	5/9-6/3+0/3	Shamva Mines	[illegible]
Falcon	4/0-4/6	Tanganyika	[illegible]
Gaika Gold	5/0-6/0	Vic. Falls Or.	9/3-10/3
Globe&P'x(5/)	11/6-12/6	do. Pref.	17/6-18/6
G. F'dsRhod(10/)	5/6-6/0	Wankie Coll(10/)	9/0-10/
Lonely Reef	[illegible]	Zambesia Ex.	9/6-10/0
Rezende	[illegible]		

DIAMOND.

DeBeers(£2½)	9⅛-⅞+⅛	PremierD.(2/6)	4-⅛

TIN.

East Pool(5/)	2/9-3/3	Pahang (5/)	2/0-7/0-0/3
Gopeng	1⅛-2	Ropp (4/)	6/0-6/6
Kinta	1⅛-2	Siamese	1⅛-2⅛-⅛
Kramat Pulat	1⅛-⅛	Sth. Crofty(5/)	2/9-3/9
Naragota	⅛-⅛	Tronoh	⅛-⅛
Nigerian(5/)	1/0-2/0		

WEST AFRICAN.

Ashanti G.(4/)	13/6-14/6	Gold CoastAm.	⅛-⅛
Fanti (8/)	7/6-8/0+0/3	Taquah Explor.	8/0-9/0

AUSTRALIAN.

Amal. Zinc	⅛-⅛	Golden Horseshoe	⅛-⅛
Brit. BrokenHill	1⅛-⅛	Gt. Boulder(2/)	4/3-5/9
BrokenHillProp	1⅛-⅛	Nth BrokenHill	1⅛-⅛
B. HillSth.(New)	1⅛-⅛	Sulphide Ord.	9/6-10/6
B. Hill Block 10	⅛-⅛	Zinc Ord.(10/)	10/6-11/6

COPPER.

Arizona (5/)	⅛-⅛	Mount Lyell	14/9-15/9
Mt. Elliott (£5)	⅛-1⅛	Rio Tinto(£5)	28⅛-⅛+2
Mount Morgan	⅛-⅛		

RUSSIAN.

Rus.-Asia. Con.	10/0-/6+2/6	Spassky	⅛-⅛+⅛

MISCELLANEOUS.

BurmaCor(Rs10)	5/3-/9	Min Cor. of Can.	4/6-5/0
Camp Bird Ord	2/9-3/3	Mysore (10/-)	11/0-12/0
Chemical & Met	5/0-6/0	Nat'l. Min.(10/p)	1/9-1/9
Esperanza	16/9-17/0+1/0	Oroville	1⅛-⅛
Mexico Mines	3⅛-⅛	Santa Gertrudis	4/9-5/3
Minerals Separ.	3⅛-⅛	Waihi Gold	⅞-1

BUSINESS DONE:

Anglo-American Corp.—15/7½, 16/-. Brakpan—48/1½, *5/7½. Central Mining—5⅛, ⅛. City Deep—42/6, 1/3, 4/0½, *40/7½, 2/2½, *40/11¼. Consol. Main Reef—*6/6, 8/6, 3d. Consol. Gold Fields—13/9, 6d. Crown Mines—34/9, 5/-, 6d. East Rand Prop.—4/-, *3/10½, *9d. Geduld—45/-, 1½d., *3/1½, 4/8¼, 3/9. Government Areas—81/10½, 3d., 80/-, 2/-, *80/7½. Johannesburg Invest.—21/-, 6d. Langlaagte—11/9, 12/4½. Modderfontein B (5/- shares)—26/3, *5/7½. Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)—43/-, 1½d., 9d., *37/6, 42/3. Modderfontein East—6/3, 10½d. New Modderfontein—70/-, 68/9, 70/7½, *1/6⅛, 3d. New State Areas—20/3, 9d., 3d. Nourse—*7/1½. Rand Mines—40/-. Randfontein Estates—14/-, 13/10½, 14/4½, 3d., *13/6. Randfontein Central—9/-, 9d., 6d. Springs—35/-, 4/8¼. Van Ryn Deep—68/6, 7/9, 8/1½. Village Deep—*7/3.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Alliance New, 12; Commercial Union, 27⅛; City Equitable 8 p.c. Pref., 16/3, 9d.; Eagle Star, 15, ⅛, 15; Employers' Liability, 79/4½, 9/-; General Accident, 96/3, 7/6; Guardian, 6⅛, 6, ⅛, ⅛; London, 7⅛; North British, 49⅛; Reinsurance, 19/-, 6d.; Scottish Union, 6⅛, ⅛; Sun, 14⅛, ⅛; Western Alliance, 13/4½; Yorkshire, 8⅛.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Assurance, 11⅛; ditto New Shares, 12, 12; General Accident, 4⅛; Guardian Assurance, 6⅛; London and Lancashire Insurance, 11⅛; North British and Mercantile, 49⅛; Royal Insurance, 13⅛; Sea Insurance, 5⅛, 3.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

W. AND T. AVERY.—Interim dividend on Ord. of 5 per cent.

NORTH BRITISH COLD STORAGE.—Interim dividend of 6 per cent. per annum.

HITCHMAN AND CO.—Dividend of 6 per cent., free of tax, on Ord.

WILKES.—Dividend on Pref. at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for half-year, and dividend on Ord. of 20 per cent. per annum, free of tax.

SPANISH RIVER PULP AND PAPER MILLS.—Dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the Pref. and Common Stock for the three months ending 31st December.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO OF CANADA.—Final dividend of 1 per cent. for year ended 30th September and interim dividend of 1¼ per cent. for the current year on the Ord. Shares of the company, both payable on December 30th.

LEVER BROS.—Warrants for dividends to December 31st on Pref. and Pref.-Ord. Shares will be posted on that date, and the directors have declared a dividend of 10 p.c. on the Ord. capital and dividend on the co-partnership certificates. In addition, the company propose to place to the reserve fund a sum equal to a further 10 p.c. on the Ord. capital.

S. SMITH AND SONS (MOTOR FACTORIES).—The report of the directors of S. Smith and Sons (motor accessories), Ltd., for the year to July 31st last is as follows:—The directors regret to report that, after writing off £23,572 for depreciation on plant and machinery, etc., and writing down stock in trade to market prices, and after providing for income tax and adjustment in connection with E.P.D., the loss for the year is £298,437. From this has to be deducted the amount available from last year, £91,482, leaving a deficit to be carried forward of £206,955.

THE MONEY MARKET.

WINDOW-DRESSING PRESSURE.

STERLING STRONG IN NEW YORK.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Preparations for the end of the year, rather than any immediate pressure, caused Lombard street to borrow quite a fair amount from the Bank of England for a week, at 5½ per cent. Borrowers were borrowing at 3½ per cent. for night money. Most old weekly money was going on at 3½ per cent., but 4 per cent. was frequently demanded and up to 4½ per cent. was actually paid. In the circumstances discount business was extremely quiet and rates firm. Fine three months' bills were practically 3½ per cent., whilst second-hand Treasury bills were 3⅛ to 3½ per cent., with very few buyers.

Bank Rate (Discount) changed November 3, 1921				5%
60 days (fine)	3⅛	Trade	4½	5%
3 months	3⅛	"	5	5½%
4 months	3⅛	"	5	5½%
6 months	3⅛	"	5	5½%
Loans to brokers day-to-day				3½%
for a week				4½%
Deposit allowance: Banks, at call				3%
Discount houses, at call				3%
at notice				3¼%

Gold fell 3d. to 97s. 10d. per oz. Bar silver rose ½d. per oz. for spot, to 35⅛d. and ⅛d. for forward delivery, to 35⅛d.

There was not very much activity in foreign exchanges. French francs gained in value, being 51.90-51.95, whilst Belgian were 54-45. Italy cheapened to 96⅛-96⅜. Sterling improved on New York, being 4.20, whilst there was an appreciation in German marks to 748, re-acting to 765. Norway was 26.00-26.05. The following are the latest quotations:—

—	December 23.		December 28.		Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97½		97⅞		97½pi
Amsterdam	11.42	11.44	11.43	11.44	12.10
B. Ayres	43⅞	43⅛	43¾	43⅛	47.58
Barcelona	28.30	28.35	27.97	28.00	25.22
Berlin	750	760	760	770	20.40½
Bombay	1/3⅝	1/3⅝	1/3⅞	1/4⅛	1/4
Brussels	55.10	55.20	54.45	54.50	25/22½
Calcutta	1/3⅝	1/3⅞	1/3⅞	1/4⅛	1/4
Christiania	26.70	26.80	26.00	26.05	18.15
Copenhagen	21.50	21.60	20.90	20.95	18.15
Czecho-Slovak	290	310	285	295	
Finland	212	222	208	218	25.22½
Greece	102.00	104.00	101.00	103.00	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/7	2/9	2/7	2/9	†
Hungary	2,500	3,000	2,500	3,000	—
Italy	96	94	96¾	96⅝	25.22½
Lisbon	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝	4½	53⅜d.
Madrid	28.30	28.40	26.05	26.15	25.22½
Mexico	28½		33⅛		24⅛d.
Montreal	4.48	4.50	4.45	4.46	4.86
Montevideo	40⅞	40⅞	41⅛	42⅝	51d.
New York	4.20⅜	4.20⅞	4.19¾	4.20⅞	4.86
Paris	52.95	53.05	51.90	52.00	25.22
Poland	12,000	13,000	10,750	12,000	—
Rio de Janeiro	7⅛d.	7⅛d.	7⅛d.	7⅛d.	16d
Roumania	unquoted.		unquoted.		—
Shanghai	3/7	3/9	3/6	3/8	†
Singapore	2/3⅝d.		2/3⅝d.		2/4
Stockholm	16.75	16.85	16.78	16.82	18.15
Switzerland	21.50	21.60	21.45	21.55	25.22½
Valparaiso	39.60		39.50		13.33
Vienna	10,000	12,000	9,750	11,000	—
Yokohama	2/3⅞	2/3⅞	2/3⅞	2/3⅞	24.5d.

†Fixed by silver.

The Times quotation for the German mark yesterday was 777½.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore, vary to some extent from, those given in our comments.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	50-⅛+⅛	3½% Conv. Loan	66⅛-⅛
War Ln5%	91⅛-⅛	5½% Treas. Bs.	98⅛-⅛
do. 4½%	[illegible]	Irish Land 2¾%	51⅛-⅛
do. 5%	[illegible]	India 3%	51-2
do. 4%	96⅛-⅛	do. 3½%	58⅛-⅛+⅛
Fund'g L'n	75⅛-⅛+⅜	do. 7%	104⅛-⅛
Victory Bds	81⅛-⅛+½		

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4%, 1943	80-2	N.S.W.5% 1921-3	97-8*
Aust'l. Com5%	101⅛-2⅛	do. 6% 1930-40	102-4
do. 5½%	96-8	Q'sland 4 1940-50	68-70
do. 4½% 1921-27	96-8	do. 4½% 1920-5	91-3
Brit. Col 4½% 1941	77-81	do. 4½% 1930-40	98-100
Canada 3½ 1930-50	67-9	S. Africa 4 Ons.	73-5
do. 4, 1940-60	75-7	do. 4½%, 1920-5	93-5
do. 4½ 1920-5	96-8	S. A'stri'a 4, '40-60	68-70
Cape 3½ Cons.	66-8	do. 5, 1921-3	99-101
Natal 3½ '39	68-70	Victoria 4, 1940-60	72-4
N.S.W. 4½, 1922-7	91-3	do. 6% 1930-5	100-2
do. 5½, 1922-7	95-7	W. A'stir'lia 42-62	68-70
N. Zeal'd 4, '29	87-9	do. 5½% 1930-40	94-6

HOME RAILS.

Brighton A	38-9	L&S-W. new 5%	92-3
Caled'n. Dfd.	6-⅛	Metropolitan	26-7
Cent. Lon. Df.	30-3	do. 5% Pref.	68-70
Chat'm. Or.	5⅛-⅛	do. District	21-2+½
Gt. Cent'l. Df.	4-⅛	Midland Def.	43-4
do. Eastern	28⅛-7⅛	N. Brit. Def.	9⅛-⅛
do. N. Pref.	43-5	N. East. Con.	71⅛-2⅛
do. Def.	22-4	do. 4% Pf.	94-6
do. Western	72-4	Sth. Est. Df.	22-3
Hull & Barns'y	37-9	do. 6% Pref.	61-4
Lancs. & Yks.	40-⅛	Taff Vale	40-2
L. & N'-Wstn	80⅛-79⅛	Under Elec.	1⅜-2⅛
do. W. Pref.	76-8	do. do. Inc.	74⅛-5⅛
L. B. W. Def.	18-19	do. 6% Dbs.	79-82

AMERICAN RAILS.

Atchison	108-10	Missouri	⅛-1⅛
Baltimore	40-3	N.Y. Ontario	24-6
Chesapeake	68-70	Reading	91-3
Chicago Milwau.	21-4+1⅛	do. Pref.	92-4
Erie	11-13	Southern Pacific	92-4-1
do. Pref.	17-19	Union Pacific	147-9

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

Can. Pacific	141-3	B-Ayres Pac.	35⅛-6⅛+1
Grand Trunk	1⅛-⅛-⅛	B. Ayres G.S.	34⅛-5⅛+2⅛
do. 4% Guar.	64-6	Gen. Arg'tine	52⅛-3⅛+2⅛
do. 1st Pref.	17-19	Cen. Urug'y	39-41
do. 2nd Pref.	8-9	Entre Rios	14-16+½
do. 3rd Pref.	3⅛-4⅛	do. Sp. c. Pf.	40-2+1
do. 4% Deb.	62-5	Leopoldina	24-5+½
Antofa Ord.	41⅛-2⅛	Mex. Rails	12⅛-13⅛
do. 4% Deb.	67-9	do. Sp. c. Pf.	35-7
Argen. G. W.	33-5+1	do. 2nd Pf.	10-12
Arpav'r T'n'e	7-9+1	Mex. Sth. 1st Pf.	7⅛-8⅛
Bahia Blanca	43-7	Mex. 2nd Pf.	3-4
Brazil Rail	1⅛-⅛	San Paulo Or.	107-9
B. Ayres Gt. S.	55⅛-6⅛+1⅛	Un. Havana	44-5

FOREIGN BONDS.

Arg'tine, 1886	96-8	Jap. 4⅛pc. 1st	104-6
do. 5p. c. '07	74-7	do. 4pc. 1905	90-92
Brazil 4pc. '89	45-51	do. 5pc. 1907	83-5
do. Fund. '14	86-8	Mex. 5pc. '99	50-3
do. 5pc. 1914	64-6	do. 5pc. 10-y. Treas.	47-51+1
Chinese 5 '96	87-9	Peruvian Corp.	2-3
do. 4⅛pc. '98	72-4	do. Pref.	15⅛-16⅛
do. 5p. c. 1912	66-8	do. Deb.	74-8
Egypt'n Un.	60⅛-2⅛	Portuguese 3pc.	22-4
French Loan	40⅛-2⅛+1	Russian 4pc.	7-10
German 3 p.c.	3-⅛	do. 5pc., 1906	12-15+1
Greek 5 p.c.	35-45	Spanish 4pc.	70-3
Italian Rentes	21-4	U'guay 3½pc.	50⅛-1⅛+⅛

BANKS.

Agricul. Egypt.	4-⅛	Can. of Com	40-3
A. Sth. Amer.	6⅛-7⅛	Hong Kong	87-9
Aust'lasia (£5)	10⅛-11⅛	Lloyds	2⅛-⅛
Bank N.S.W.	31-2	Lon&Brazilian	21-2
do. N. Z'land(£6)	2⅛-⅛	London City	7-⅛
Barclay "A"	8⅛-⅛	Ln. W'mins'r	14⅛-15⅛
Brit. Bk. F. Trade	⅛-1	Nat. Prov (£4p)	9⅛-⅛
Brit. Overseas	4⅛-5⅛	Stand. S. A.	10⅛-11⅛
Chart. of India	15⅛-16	Union of Aus.	11⅛-12⅛

TELEGRAPHS.

A.-Amer. Df.	18⅛-⅛	Marconi Can.	4/6-5/0
Marconi Ord.	1⅛-⅛	Radio Corp.	9/6-10/6
do. Pref.	1⅛-⅛	do. Pref.	9/0-10/0
do. Marine	20/0-1/0*		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Aboukir Land	1⅛-⅛	J. Brown	10/6-13/6
Aerated Bread	28/3-9/0*-0/3	do. (15/p)	11/0-13/0
Allsopp Ord.	43-7	Lagunas	20/0-22/0
do. 6% Pref.	51-4	Lautaro Nit	4⅛-5⅛
Alliance	12⅛-13⅛	Lever 7% Pf.	15/6-16/6
Amal. Cotton	11/0-11/6	do. Debs.	94-7
Angela	28/0-8/0	Lipton	18/6-19/6-0/3
Anglo-Arg Int.	2⅛-⅛	Liverpool Nit.	2⅛-⅛
Anglo-Chili'n	33/0-5/0	London Nit.	1⅛-⅛
do. Pref.	34/0-6/0	Lyons	2⅛-⅛
Arg'nt. N'n. Ld.	⅛-⅛	Magadi Soda	10/3-11/3
do. South. Ld.	⅛-⅛	Maypole Def.	⅛-⅛
Armstrong	14/6-15/6	Mex. Trams	8-12
A. P. Cement	13/0-13/6	do. Bonds	54-7
do. Pref.	12/6-13/6	do. L. & P. Bs.	58-61
Baldwins	⅞-1	Mond Nickel	⅛-1⅛
Bass, Rat. Pf	[illegible]	Montre'l St. Db.	94-9
B'tholomay Pf.	1-⅛	N'w Tam'gal	1-1⅛
Bleachers	1⅛-⅛	Nobel Ind.	⅛-⅛
Borax Con. Df.	1⅛-⅛	do. Pref.	⅛-⅛
Bri. P'd. Cmt.	1⅛-1⅛	do. Def.	⅛-⅛
B. A. T.	3⅛-3⅛	Pahang (5s)	1⅛-⅛
B. Met. Tr'de.	⅛-⅛+⅛	Parent Tyre Df.	1⅛-⅛
B. A. A. Meat	19/3-20/3	do. Ord.	⅛-⅛
Brit. Oil & Ck.	1⅛-⅛	Peace Partne.	23/0-5/0
B. N. B. Land	⅛-⅛	P. & O. Def.	295-315*+5
Bradford Dyers	1⅛-⅛	Pekin Syn	8/6-9/6+1/0
Brit C. & W. Dy.	4/9-5/3+1⅛	Projectiles (1/)	⅛-⅛
Brazil'n Tract.	30⅛-1⅛-⅛	Royal Mail Or.	82-7
Brit. Col. Elec.	51-4+1	Rio Negro Lands	⅛-⅛
do. 4½% Dbs.	68-73	Roneo	1⅛-⅛
Brunner Mond	1⅛-⅛	Rolls Royce	⅞-1
B.A. Tobacco	61/3-2/3+0/9	Rosario Nit.	20/0-22/0
Bryant & May	28/0-9/0	Salt Union	⅛-⅛
Calico Printers	15/9-16/3	Salr. del C'men	1⅛-⅛
Cammell L'd.	11/9-12/3	Sani'aulo Db.	86-90
Cargo Fleet	1⅛-⅛	Santa Rita	1-1⅛
Cartagena Wks.	⅛-⅛	Santiago	1⅛-⅛
Coats	49/6-50/0-0/3	Sew. Cotton	1⅛-⅛
Consl. Corp. Lon.	1/3-2/6	Shaw W'ter Bds	113-18*
Courtaulds	36/6-7/6	Ship Canal	5⅛-6⅛
Court Line	23/6-4/6	do. Pref.	5⅛-⅛-⅛
Cunard Ord.	18/0-19/0	Siemens	⅞-⅛
Dunlop Rub.	6/9-7/3-0/3	Smith's & A. Mt.	5/9-6/9
Dorman Long	14/3-15/3*	Sth. Af. Brew.	1⅛-⅛
English Elect.	⅛-⅛	S. Durham St'l.	1⅛-⅛
Fine Spinners	1⅛-⅛	Tarapaca Nit.	11/6-12/6
Forestal	19/9-20/9	Un. Sum. N. E.	⅛-⅛
Furness Withy	23/0-6/0	United Alkali	⅛-⅛
Gramophone	1⅛-⅛	Un. Prem. Oil & C.	1⅛-⅛
Guinness	400-425	United Steel	9/6-10/
do. Pref.	101-105	Van Den Berghs	1⅛-1⅛
Harrod's	⅛-⅛	do. Pref.	⅛-⅛
Hudson's Bay Dr.	5⅛-⅛	W'paper Df.	⅛-⅛
Im. Tobac. Or	48/9-9/9+0/3	Weard'le c. p.o.	1⅛-⅛

TEA SHARES.

Ceylon Plant, 55/6+6d.; Jorehaut, 46/-+4½d. Nedeem, 28/7½+4½d.; Single Ord., 34/3+9d.

*Ex div. †Ex rights.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—49⅞, 50⅛, 50, 49⅞, 50⅛, 49⅞. 3½ p.c. War Loan—91⅛, 90⅞, ⅛, 90⅞, ⅛, ⅛. Funding Loan—75⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 6. Do. Victory Bonds—80⅞, 1⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 80⅞, 1, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. 4½ p.c. War Loan—83⅞, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. 5 p.c. War Loan—91⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. 4 p.c. War Loan—96⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. India 7 p.c. Loan—104⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Sao Paulo, 1921—101⅛. African and Eastern—29/3, 9/-, 6d., 28/9, 10½d. Amalgamated Cotton—11/4½, 3d., 11/-, 1½d. Anglo-Dutch Rubber—23/9, 10½d., 11½d. Anglo-Egyptian Oil—31/3, 30/7½, 30/3⅛. Armstrong—15/-, 1½d. Assoc. Cement—13/3⅛, 6d. Barclays Bank "A"—6⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Do. "B"—46/3, 4½d., 6/-, 5/10½, 6/4½. British Amer. Tobacco—61/6, 3d., 4½d., 1½d., 9d., 2/3, *1/-. Brit. Argentine Meat—19 10½. British Dyestuffs Pref.—6/3, 9d. British Oil and Cake—22/3, 3/-. British Overseas Bank—28/9, 9, 4/6.

Broken Hill Prop.—26/-, 10½d., 3d. Brunner Mond—25/6, 3d., 4/9, 10½d., 6d. Buenos Ayres Western Ord.—55, *4½, 5⅛, 4⅛, 5⅛. Burmah Oil—6⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Calico Printers—16/-, 15/10½, 9d. Canadian Pacific—144⅛, 2, ⅛, 1⅛, 2, *1⅛. Central Argentine Ord.—51⅛, 50, 2, *1⅛, 2⅛, 3, 2, ⅛. Chartered—11/5⅛, 9d., 4½d., 6d. Chinese Engineering and Mining (x.d.)—72/6, 3/1½. Do. Debentures—91⅛. Coats—50/-, 49/9. Colombian Mining—18/1⅛, 17/6, 7½d., 18/3, 18/-, 17/9, *7½d., 6d., 18/1⅛, 17/9⅛. Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.—14/-, 13/6⅛. County Bank—15⅛, *14⅛, 15. Courtaulds—37/6, 1½d., 6/9, 7/-, ⅛d. Crossco and Winkworth Pref.—14/4⅛, 3d. Cunard Ord.—18/6, 1½d., 6d. Cunard Debentures—103⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Dunlop Ord.—7/-, 1½d., 6/10⅛, 9d., 8½d., 7½d. Dunlop Debentures—101⅛, ⅛, 1, ⅛, ⅛. English Oilfields—5/8⅛, 9d. English Sewing Cotton—34/-, 3d., 3/10½. Esperanzas—15/4⅛, 7½d., 16/7⅛, 3d. Grand Trunk Ord.—32/6. Great Western Rail—72⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Guinness Ord.—415. Harrods Ord.—26/-, 5/9, 4½d., 6/-, 5/3. Hudson's Bay Ord. (x.d.)—5⅛, ⅛. Imperial Tobacco—48/4⅛, 9/4⅛, 3d., 9/-, 1½d. Kern River—19/4⅛, 6d., 19/-, 3d., 19/-. Lever Debentures—95⅛, ⅛, ⅛, *6⅛, 5⅛. Lloyd's Bank—51/3. London Joint City Bank—7⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. London North-Western Rail—70, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 69⅞, 70. Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.—56/10⅛, 8/-, 7/6. Magadi Soda Ord.—11/-, 1½d., 10/10⅛, 9d. Marconi Ord.—33/1⅛, 9d. Marconi Pref.—34/4⅛. Do. Canada—4/3. Maypole Def.—6/10, 7½d. Mexican Eagle Ord.—76/10⅛, *2/6, 7/6, 6/3, 8/1⅛, 5/11⅛. Midland Railway Def.—43⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Nat. Prov. Bank (£4)—9⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Nobel Indus.—9/9, 3d., 6d. Do. Pref.—14/6. Parent Def.—26/10⅛, 3d., 6d., x.r. Prov. Cinematograph Pref. Ord.—9/6. Rubber Trust—16/-, 15/6, 10½d., 6d. Shell—94/8⅛, 4½d., 5/-, *3/9, 4/1⅛, 9d., 3/9. Tanganyika—18/5⅛. Tankers Pref.—5/-, 4/10½. Trinidad Leaseholds—30/6, 1/3, 30/3⅛, 7½d. Union Corp.—14/6, 9d., 14/-. United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.—14/5⅛, 6d. United Tobacco—5⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Vickers—9/-, 8/10½, 9/1⅛, 8/9. Workman Clark Debs.—90, ⅛.

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BUILDING AND ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS.

On Page 2 of to-day's *Irish Times* we publish an exhaustive catalogue of industrial advertising, having special application to the Building and Engineering Industries of the country. The following alphabetical index to the matters advertised should prove useful to all interested:—

Art Brass Work.	Iron Work.
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Clery's Sale

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begins in all departments this (Thursday) morning

There are no reservations in this Sale. Every item of our stocks has been reduced for immediate clearance, in many instances far below Half-price. Study the lists below, which indicate the values offered

All Dress Materials down for the Sale

58-inch **Irish Tweed**, a mixed range, including Brick, Heather, Purple, Brown, Rose and Light Saxe Stripes. Clearing at, per Yard ... 4/11

58-inch **Irish Tweed**, in a large range of Plain Mixtures, mostly dark colourings; also a striped design in a few dark shades; regular price, 8/6 and 9/6 yard. **To Clear**, Sale Price, Yard ... 6/11

58-inch **Striped Tweeds**, suitable for Costumes or Odd Skirts, in a good variety of shades; regular price, 6/11 yard. Sale, Yard ... 4/6

Also a few extra good quality Stripe Tweeds for sports wear; regular price, 12/11 yard. Sale, Yard ... 8/11

56-inch **Heavy All-Wool Tweeds**, Blanket Finish, for Coats, Skirts, etc., in a mixed range. Special Sale Price to Clear, Yard ... 5/11

3 Pieces 54-inch **Grey Saxony Suiting**, for Costumes, in a small invisible cross-bar design, also Herringbone, in Grey and Fawn; extra value. Sale Price, Yard ... 9/11

4 Pieces **Grey Suiting**, fine weave, for Coats and Skirts, small pinhead designs, 54-inch. Sale Price, Yard ... 8/11

8 Pieces, 56-inch **Irish Suitings**, thoroughly shrunk and ready for tailoring, in Browns, Navys, and Greys, plain, herringbone and crossbar designs; regular price, 16/11 and 17/6 yard. Sale Price all, yard ... 14/11

54-inch **Fine Gab.**, for Coat Frocks, in a full range shades, very beautiful quality. Sale Price, Yard ... 8/11

54-inch **Heavy Gab.**, for Costumes, full range of shades, thoroughly shrunk; regular price, 14/11 yard. Special Sale Price, Yard ... 11/9

A few pieces of a **Soft Woollen** Fabric, in a Hopsack Weave, suitable for warm Coat Frocks, etc., Amethyst, Light Saxe, Putty, Mole, Dark Saxe and Navy; 54 inches wide. Sale Price, to clear, Yard ... 7/11

54-inch **Velour Cloth**, medium weight, in Dove Grey, Mole, Light and Dark Grey and Navy. Sale Price, Yard ... 8/11

54-inch **Suede Velour** for Coats, in a few Dark Shades. Sale Price, Yard, 12/11 and 14/11

Special Values in **Navy Serges** and **Gabs.**, all thoroughly shrunk and ready for tailoring.

54-inch **Fine Botany Serge**, medium weight, for Coat Frocks, etc. Sale Price, Yard ... 8/11

54-inch **Fine Gab.**, all most reliable dyes, and recommended for wear. Yard, 9/6, 11/9, 14/6 and 16/11.

Navy Serge, all wool, for children's dresses, etc., 40/44 inches wide. 3/11½, 4/11 and 5/6.

54/56-inch Heavy Weight, for Costumes. Sale Price, Yard, 11/9, 14/11 (Irish) and 16/11.

Black Serges and Gabs.; 54 inches, 8/11, 11/9, 14/11 (Irish) and 16/11 yd.

Cheap Black Serges, all wool, for House Frocks, etc.; 40-44 inches, 3/11½ and 5/6 yd.

Ladies are particularly requested, when ordering patterns, to state as nearly as possible the class and shades of material required.

Blouses far below Half-price

Our entire Stock of last Season's Blouses, Shirts, and Jumpers to be cleared regardless of cost.

About 2 dozen Model Blouses in Lace, Net and Ninon, in shades of Black, Sky, Jade, Pink, and Ivory. Original prices in many instances from 3 Gns. to 44/9. Clearing at - - 10/6

About one dozen Sponge Cloth Blouses, many charming styles, in shades of Champagne, Ivory, and Pink. Usual price, 15/11. Reduced to 6/6

2 dozen Sponge Cloth Blouses, pretty sailor collar and long sleeves, trimmed dainty lace; colours—Pink, Lemon, Helio., and Sky. Usual price, 25/6. Now - - 10/-

About 3 dozen Blouses in Cotton Georgette, very pretty shape, turned over Collar and Revers, finish Picot Edging, Pearl Button to fasten front, long sleeves with cuffs to match collar; in shades of Sky, Pink, Lemon, Champagne, and Helio. Usual price, 32/-. Now - - 12/6

About 3 dozen Spunella Shirts in various charming stripes on a light ground, including White with Black, Rose with Grey and Helio (both high and low necks). Sizes 14, 14½, and 15. Original price, 42/-. Sale price - 15/-

4 dozen Smart Shirts in good quality Jap Shan, well cut with turn-over collar and rever front, finished with large pearl button. Colours—Pink, Sky, and Ivory. Sizes 13½ to 15. Original price, 49/6. Reduced to - 21/-

About 3 dozen smart Tricolene Shirts, well cut and finished, front with pearl buttons; in various pretty stripes on a light ground. Sizes 13½, 14, and 14½. Original price, 39/6. Now - - 12/6

2½ dozen only, smart Poplin Shirts, several pretty and becoming styles. Sizes 14, 14½, and 15. Colours—Sky, Mastic, Helio, Pink and Biscuit. Original price, 21/-. Sale price - - 7/11

Drastic Reductions in Ladies' and Children's Underclothing

Our entire Stock of Flannel, Wyncette, Viyell and Flannelette Nightgowns, Chemises, Knickers and Ladies' Pyjamas going at sweeping reductions

2 dozen only, Heavy Wyncette Nightgowns, full Ladies' size, square yoke and close-fitting neck. The yoke and cuffs are prettily trimmed with imitation torchon lace and insertion. Usual price, 19/6. Now Reduced to 12/6

About 2 doz. Heavy Scotch Wincey Nightgowns, yoke and sleeves trimmed torchon lace and insertion. Usual price, 21/-. Reduced to - 14/9

Several Lots of Warm Flannelette and Wyncette Nightgowns, close-fitting collars, daintily trimmed embroidery and insertion. Usual prices from 18/11 to 25/6. Reduced to 13/11, 14/11 and - 15/11

Underskirts from 4/11 up

About 2 dozen only, printed sateen Underskirts, heavy quality, dainty patterns and colours. Worth 7/11. Reduced to - - 4/11

Underskirts in cotton and silk moirette, in a variety of useful shades and styles. Cotton Moirette from - 5/11
Silk Moirette from - 9/11

Big Silk Reductions

Ladies would be well advised to take this opportunity to secure supplies in this section, as Silks will BE HIGHER IN PRICE next Spring. Many of the qualities offered below cannot be repeated at anything near these prices.

27-inch **Rich Corded Velveteen**, recommended for hard wear, in Nigger, Light Brown, Mole, Grey, Saxe and Putty. Regular price 4/11. Sale 3/11½

Double-width 34/36-inch **Chiffon Velveteen**, fast pile and colour, very rich quality, in Mid. and Light Brown, Light Grey, Rust, Mole, Mid. and Light Navy, Dark Saxe, Black and Putty (3 yards or 3½ yards full dress length). Regular price, 12/11. Sale Price ... 10/6

Double-width 36/38-inch **Chiffon Velvet**, in a few dark shades. Worth 29/6 Yard. Sale Price, Yard 23/11

Black Chiffon Velvet, double width. Regular Prices, 21/6, 26/11, and 29/6. Sale Prices, 18/11, 23/11, and, Yard ... 25/11

Millinery Velvets and Plushes all reduced to clear.

40-inch **Silk Stockinettes**, in a dull range of shades, including Black. Regular price, 12/11 Yard. Sale price, Yard ... 9/11

56-inch **Stockinette**, in Lemon, Brown, Ivory, Silver Grey, Navy, and Black; very heavy quality. Regular price, 18/11 Yard. Sale Price, Yard 14/11

38-inch **Taffeta**, rich quality, Plain Shades and New Shot Effects, for Evening Frocks, etc., including Rose, Lemon, Sky, Pink, Jade, with White Spots, and Navy, Jade, Sapphire, Flame, Brown, Light and Dark Saxe, Rose, etc., in Plain Colours. Regular Price, 8/11 and 9/11 Yard, Sale Price, Yard, all ... 7/11

40-inch **Satin Charmant**, Crepe back, in a large range of shades, suitable for Afternoon and Evening Wear. Actual Value, 15/11 Yard. Cannot be repeated. Sale Price, Yard ... 11/9

Double width, 36-inch **Printed Silks**, a large range of Paisley and other Floral Designs in a heavy quality Jap Silk. Regular Price, 6/11 Yard. Sale Price, Yard ... 5/11

Printed Satins, rich quality, large variety of shades and designs, for Linings, Jumpers, etc. Regular Price, 8/11, 10/6, and 12/11 Yard. Sale Price, Yard 7/11, 9/6 & 11/9

Lingerie Jap Silk, heavy quality, specially dyed for Underwear, Blouses, etc.; Pink, Sky, Ivory, Mauve, Champagne, and Lemon; double width, 36-inch. Sale Price, Yard ... 6/3

Dyed Shantung, our standard quality, in a good range of shades. Regular price, 5/11 Yard; 34-inch wide. Sale Price, Yard ... 4/11

Natural Shantung, 34-inch. Sale price, Yard ... 3/6½, 4/6 & 5/6

500 yards **Best Sateen Mousseline**, 5/11, 6/11, 8/11, and 9/6 yd.

300 yards **Black Chiffon Taffeta**, at the following Sale Prices, 4/11, 5/11, 6/11, and 7/11.

All carefully selected makes.

300 yards **Satin Grenadine and Satin Charmant**. Sale Prices, 8/3, 12/6, 14/11, 15/11 yd.

All Millinery and Furs reduced to clear at Sale

A special lot of black velvet Pull-on Hats usual price 12/9. Clearing at ... 6/11

French and Austrian Velours; usual price from 2 to 5 gns. Sale Price from ... 21/- to 45/-

Felt Hats in various colours; usual price from 10/11 to 35/-. Sale price from ... 2/11 to 12/11

All Model Hats Considerably Reduced.

Our large stock of various Furs very much reduced—A special lot of Grey American Opossum Stoles and Collars Clearing from ... 42/- to 75/-

Ladies' Hosiery shares in the reductions

Ladies' Black All-Wool Cashmere Hose; worth 3/11. Sale Price ... 1/11½

Ladies' Black All-Wool Ribbed Cashmere Hose; were 4/6. Clearing at per pair ... 2/3

Ladies' Black Artificial Silk Hose; clearing at 2/6. Well worth per pair ... 4/11

A little lot of Ladies' Ribbed Sports Hose. Colours: Tan, Toney, Grey, Fawn, and Putty; worth 5/11. Clearing at per pair ... 3/11

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Ladies' Gloves nearly at Half-price

Coloured seamless handwrought Wool Gloves, Irish made; usual price, 1/11. Sale Price ... 1/-

2-Butt. double-sewn Gazelle, tan and slate; usual price, 5/11. Now ... 2/11

White Wool, large Gauntlets. Clearing at ... 1/11½

2-Butt. imitation Antelope (fabric), in white, black, and colours; usual price, 2/11. Sale Price ... 1/11½

Oddments of 2-butt. White and Yellow Chamois; usual price, 7/6. Now ... 3/11

2-Butt. imitation Buckskin (fabric), white and colours; usual price, 4/6. Sale Price ... 2/6

COST OF LIVING.

WAR INCREASES IN AUSTRALIA.

Since the war the main subject of conversation in these Islands, as throughout the world, has been the "cost of living," and anything that throws useful light upon that all-absorbing topic may be regarded as a valuable contribution towards the solution of the problem. In this category may unquestionably be included the report on Labour and Industries in Australia by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. This report deals exhaustively with prices, purchasing power of money, wages, trade unions, unemployment, and soforth.

It is pointed out that in normal circumstances properly computed index numbers of food and groceries, and house rent combined, form one of the best possible measures of those variations in the "purchasing power of money" which affect the cost of living; in short, the variations of the cost of a "composite unit," consisting of appropriate quantities of suitably chosen commodities, and including also house rent, reflect the variations in the cost of living. For the computation of the index-numbers the "aggregate expenditure" method is adopted. The 47 items of expenditure included are divided into four groups—groceries and bread, dairy produce, meat, and house rent—and these items cover about 60 per cent. of the total expenditure of a normal family. It has not been considered advisable to extend the investigations to cover clothing, fuel and light, and other miscellaneous expenditure, and it has been assumed that the cost of these branches of expenditure has varied proportionately with the cost of food, groceries, and rent. To give some idea of the thorough manner in which the work has been performed it may be mentioned that, with regard to the commodities and house rent included in the inquiry, nearly 11,000 prices and quotations have been received from the 30 towns dealt with each month, amounting to 130,000 per annum.

Discussing some of the results obtained, the reports says with regard to house rents:—

"Except in Adelaide, where rents remained stationary from 1901 to 1904, and declined in 1913, and in Perth, where they decreased from 1903 to 1907, and again in 1908-9 and 1914, there was a uniform increase in each of the metropolitan towns from 1901 to 1914. The abnormal conditions arising out of the war has resulted in entirely changed conditions for the years 1915 to 1920. It will be seen that for 1915 there was a decrease in the cost of housing accommodation in all the towns except Hobart, where there was a small increase. In 1916 Melbourne and Perth show slight increases, Sydney, Brisbane, and Adelaide slight decreases, while the index-number for Hobart was the same for 1916 as for 1915. In 1917, 1918, and 1919 there was an increase in the average rentals in all the towns, and in 1920 there was a further increase. The weighted average index-number for 1920 is 9.7 per cent. higher than for 1919, 33.3 per cent. higher than in 1911, and 77.5 per cent. higher than in 1901. The greatest increase since 1901 has occurred in Brisbane (117.4 per cent.), followed in the order named by Hobart (105.8 per cent.), Adelaide (93.3 per cent.), Melbourne (91.7 per cent.), Sydney (64.9 per cent.), and Perth (24.3 per cent.)."

With regard to the price index-numbers for food, groceries, and house rent combined, the report says:—

"The weighted average index-numbers for the combined expenditure upon the 46 items of food and groceries and housing accommodation show an increase of 18.2 per cent. in 1920 compared with 1919, 78.5 compared with 1911, and 102.8 compared with 1901. The weighted average price index-number was lower in 1904 than in any other year during the period covered by the investigations. The index-number rose in 1905 and 1906, and fell in 1907. There was a substantial rise in 1908, followed by a slight decline in 1909. Further rises occurred in 1910 and 1911, and again in 1912, when the increase was very considerable (10.1 per cent.). The index-number for 1913 was practically the same as for 1912, but in 1914 there was a rise of 3.2 per cent., in 1915 of 12.1 per cent., and a further rise in 1916 of 3.6 per cent. The index-number for 1917 was 0.5 per cent. lower than for 1916, but in 1918 there was a rise of 3.3 per cent. The index-number for 1919 shows a rise of 10.9 per cent., and there was a further sharp rise of 18.2 per cent. for 1920, which is the highest recorded.

"Compared with 1911, the base year of the period, the weighted average purchasing power of money index-number shows an increase of 78.5 per cent. for 1920. It may further be seen that, except for the year 1909, from 1901 to 1912 inclusive, the index-number for Perth was higher than for any other capital town. From 1913 to 1920 the index-number for Sydney was the highest, and for 1920 the index-number for Perth was lower than for any other town. Attention has already been drawn to the fact that the increase in prices of food and groceries during 1915 and subsequent years was considerably less in Perth than in the remaining towns. The result of this is to alter the relative cost of food, groceries, and house rent combined in the several towns."

ANOTHER RAID IN DUBLIN.

ROBBERS CHASED BY CROWD.

Yesterday forenoon the dairy establishment of Messrs. Shephard, in Camden street, was entered by two armed men, one of whom kept Mr. Mooney, the manager, under cover of a revolver, while the other robbed the cash boxes of £80.

According to a statement made by Mr. Mooney the men, who appeared to be quite young, on entering the shop closed the door, and, drawing their revolvers, demanded all the cash. On their demand being refused Mr. Mooney was ordered to stand aside with his hands up, while the cash boxes were being rifled.

When the raiders left Mr. Mooney followed them along Pleasants street, a narrow thoroughfare connecting Camden street with Heytesbury street, and as he shouted "robbers," a crowd quickly gathered in pursuit of the men, who ran along Heytesbury street towards the South Circular road.

At Harrington street Roman Catholic Church, an attempt was made by Mr. Thomas Morris, of Serpentine terrace, Ballsbridge, to catch one of the men. Thereupon the other robber swiftly drew his revolver and fired. Mr. Morris fell and a crowd that gathered round him had him removed to the Meath Hospital.

Meanwhile the pursuit of the raiders was continued, and some shots were discharged by them with the object of frightening the crowd and ending the chase. When they were hard pressed one of the raiders threw away several packages of coppers that he had been carrying.

The pursuit was kept up until the raiders got into a network of side streets which lie between South Circular road and the Coombe, where they succeeded in escaping.

At the hospital it was found on examination that Mr. Morris had not been seriously injured, the bullet that had been fired at him having only grazed his right side without penetrating the flesh. It was not necessary to detain him as a patient.

DERRY HOUSE RAIDED.

MAN'S STORY OF ASSAULT.

At a special Court in Derry yesterday morning before Mr. Denis Boyle, J.P., two young men named Michael Ward, Kilfennan, and James Magee, Abbey street, were charged by Head-Constable Cook, with breaking and entering the house of William Wade, 45 Dungiven road, Waterside, and committing a felony. Ward appeared in the dock with his head and face bandaged.

Sergeant Elliott deposed that at six o'clock yesterday morning he went with Wade to his house. Mrs. Wade and Michael Ward were in the house when he arrived. Wade said that Ward and two other men kicked in the door of the house at five o'clock.

Wade also accused Ward of searching the house, and assaulting his wife and himself. He further stated that Ward and two other men trailed him out of his house to the street, where they assaulted him. He broke away from them, and told them he was going for the police. When about 30 yards down the street a shot was fired by one of the men.

When prisoners were arrested no firearms were found upon them.

They were remanded until next Monday.

CORNWALL POISONING CASE

Ernest Black, who is charged with having poisoned his wife, was removed from a Liverpool hospital yesterday to Cornwall.

It may be recalled that Black disappeared some days before his wife's death. The police searched England for over a week before they found him in a Liverpool boarding house. When they went to arrest him he barricaded his bedroom, and before the door could be broken down made a determined attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat.

At the inquest on Mrs. Black a doctor said that she had been poisoned with arsenic, and that in all probability the poison had been administered in small doses for a considerable time.

CHURCH HALL FIRE.

The assembly hall attached to St. Peter's and St. Paul's Roman Catholic Schools, at Bolton, were destroyed by fire yesterday. The damage is estimated at several thousand pounds.

Insurance at low rates with Phoenix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—J. R. Warner, Manager. Agents everywhere.—(Advt.)

NORWEGIAN PAPER TRADE BOOM.

CHRISTIANIA, Wednesday.

The Norwegian newsprint factories are very busy at present many of them being unable to take any more orders for months to come.

This is due to several large orders which have been received recently from firms in the United States and France.—(Reuter.)

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HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE OF SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CATTLE, HORSES, MOTOR CAR, AND OUTDOOR EFFECTS.

JAMES J. ROONEY & CO. HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR. JOHN METCALFE TO SELL BY AUCTION, AT WHITELEAS, BALLYMORE-EUSTACE, ON TUESDAY NEXT, JAN. 3, 1922, COMMENCING AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP;

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Superior Mahogany Pedestal Sideboard, with mirror back; Mahogany Telescope Dining Table, with three spare leaves; ten Mahogany Chairs, covered in leather; Carving Chair; Mahogany Overmantel Mirror, Eight-day Clock; Copper Kerb, with Coal Vase and Fireirons to match; Axminster Carpet, 14ft. x 10ft.; Hearthrug, Fire Screen, several Lamps; Epergne, Silver and Plated Ware, Cutlery, &c.; Bentwood Hall Stand, Carved Oak Hall Chair, Flower Stand, Gong, Axminster Hall Rug and several Door Mats; Seven-piece Drawingroom Suite, in tapestry, with loose chintz covers; Octagonal Mahogany Table, Gilt Overmantel Mirror; very fine Axminster Drawingroom Carpet, 15ft. square; Hearthrug, Fire Screen; Brass Fender, with Fireirons and Coal Vase to match; dozen Brass Window Poles and Curtain Rods; a large number of Pictures; Oak Roll-top Desk, Stairs Carpet and 40 Brass Stair Rods; Double Iron Bedstead, with Wire-woven and Hair Mattresses; Bedroom Carpets, Linoleum; several Fire Screens, three Deal Tables, Kitchen Chairs, Flour Bin, Meat Safe, two Tea Sets, Delph, Culinary Utensils, Step Ladder, "Llewellyn" Hand Churn, Milk Pans, and Dairy Utensils.

OUTDOOR EFFECTS.—Two superior In-calf Milk Cows; nine Bullocks and Heifers, 1½ and 2 years; four Weanling Calves, three Sheep, useful Farm Mare; six-year-old Pony, 14 hands, very quiet, and a good goer; Ford (1919) Motor Car, with all accessories; Inside Pony Trap, by Hutton; Set Pony's Tan Harness; two Carts, with Creels; two Sets Cart Harness, Pair Plough Backs, Wheelbarrow, Ladder, several Barrels; ten Tons First-crop and Old Meadow Hay, Pit of Potatoes, Heap of Manure, quantity of Sheep Pens and Wire Netting, Cross-cut Saws, two Axes, Sledge, Forks and Brushes, Metal Feeding Pans; a quantity of Greenhouse Plants, two Hives of Bees, New Standard Bee Hive and Bee Requisites, and many Miscellaneous Lots.

N.B.—SALE WILL COMMENCE WITH OUTDOOR EFFECTS AND LIVE STOCK.

Terms—Cash and usual Auctioneers' Commission.

FOR ANOTHER ACCOUNT—

1 WOODS BINDER, practically new.	12 HEAD CATTLE.
2 MOWING MACHINES.	3 COWS and 3 CALVES.
2 YEARLING HORSES.	1 COTTAGE PIANO.
1 STEEL TUMBLER RAKE.	1 ROW TRAP.

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, at 12.30, AT RUSSBOROUGH, BALLYMORE-EUSTACE—200 IRISH ACRES OF PRIME GRAZING LANDS, FOR E. R. TURTON, ESQ.

JAMES J. ROONEY & CO., AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS.

OFFICES: RATHENEY, LUSK, CO. DUBLIN; DUNLAVIN, CO. WICKLOW; BALLYMORE-EUSTACE, CO. KILDARE; AND KELLS, CO. MEATH.

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The Proprietors, Messrs. J. PULLAR PHIBBS, LTD., HAVING DISPOSED OF THE LEASE OF THEIR SAW MILL PREMISES, have instructed us to SELL BY AUCTION, WITHOUT RESERVE,

ON THURSDAY, JAN. 5TH, 1922, COMMENCING AT 12 O'C. PROMPT,

THE VALUABLE PLANT and MACHINERY, comprising: 140-H.P. Compound Combined Steam Engine and Boiler, by Robey; Vertical Steam Engine, by Tangye; Dynamos, Motors, and Pumps; Horizontal Log-band Mill, to take logs 5ft. 0in. diameter; 4-Ton Steam Derrick Crane, 70ft. 0in. Jib; 6-Ton Weighbridge; Wood-Fibre Cutting Machine and Press, by Haighs; Push Benches, Pendulum Cross-cut Saw, Spare Saws, Shafting, Pulleys, Belting, Tools, Spare Parts, Piping, &c., &c., including 6-Ton Sentinel Steam Waggon and Trailer, "Peugeot" Covered Van, Ford Van and Napier Motor Hearse. MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT 1 O'CLOCK. ON VIEW TWO DAYS PRIOR TO SALE. CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION.

WM. MONTGOMERY & SON, AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, GAINSBORO' HOUSE, 24 SUFFOLK STREET, DUBLIN.

THIS DAY (THURSDAY), IN THE CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 9 BACHELOR'S WALK, SELLING BY AUCTION, a CHOICE COLLECTION OF FURNITURE, COTTAGE PIANO, PARLOUR AND DINING-ROOM, BEDROOM AND KITCHEN FURNITURE, ETC.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN IRELAND. CHANCERY DIVISION—LAND JUDGES. COUNTY MEATH.

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES J. GILSENAN and the Rev. PATRICK J. GILSENAN, Owners; Exparte: THE HIBERNIAN BANK, LIMITED, Petitioners.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the 19th day of JANUARY, 1922, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, before the Honorable Mr. Justice Wylie, at his Court, Four Courts, Dublin, the Premises described in the Printed Rental for Sale as Lot 4, viz.:—Part of the

LANDS OF DOGSTOWN

(Parish of Kilskeer), containing 162 acres, Statute measure, in the Barony of Kells Upper, and County Meath, held under Judicial Tenancy at the yearly rent of £125. Estimated profit rent, £800, less rates and taxes.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1921.

W. DICK, Examiner.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The Lands for Sale are of prime fattening quality, and are laid out in conveniently sized fields, well sheltered, fenced, and watered.

The Lands are in grass.

There is a Residence on the Lands, containing 2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, servant's room, kitchen, dairy, etc. The out-offices are well built, and comprise coach-house, coal house, harness room, barn with lofts, stabling for 7 horses, cattle shed, 30 tyings; large galvanised hay shed, etc.

For Rentals, Maps, and further particulars, apply to

D. and T. FITZGERALD, Solicitors having Carriage of the Sale, 20 St. Andrew street, Dublin.

SALES BY PATRICK SMITH & SON, Auctioneers, Valuers, and Live Stock Salesmen, NAVAN.

TO-MORROW, 30th DEC.—At Tara Hall, Navan, at 12 o'clock, for Major Moore-Brabazon—200 Acres of the above far-famed Fattening Land, heavily stocked with grass, having been in Owner's hands; to be Let in suitable divisions, and portion for 1st and 2nd Crop Meadow and Con. Acres.

SATURDAY, 31st DECEMBER — At Balbray, Robinstown, for G. A. Tisdall, Esq., at 12 o'clock—64 Acres of superior Fattening Land, heavily stocked with grass, in suitable divisions.

TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1922—For Representatives of the late Major Trotter—Farm of Land at Arodstown, Summerhill, Co. Meath, with Cottage Residence and Galvanised Out-offices, containing 58a. 1r. 21p., Statute; annuity to I.L.C., £40 5s. 0d.; P.L.V., £61 10s. 0d.; to be Sold at READSTOWN, SUMMERHILL, at 12 o'clock. Also Letting of 80 Acres of the Lands of Readstown, Summerhill, and Sale of 81 Head of Cattle and Sheep and 11 Horses, Farming Implements, and Machinery.

Messrs. BROWN and McCANN, Solicitors.

MONDAY, 16th JANUARY—Sale of Thoroughbred Stock at the Club Yard, Navan, which include Brood Mares from Sir Wm. Nelson, the Balrath Stud, and others. Entries Close 2nd January next.

ON A DAY TO BE NAMED—Sale of two Dwellinghouses at Academy street, Navan.

THOS. NOONAN, Esq., Solicitor, Navan.

ON A DAY TO BE NAMED—Three Dwellinghouses, at Brew's Hill, Navan, for Jas. J. Lee, Esq.

A. STEEN, Esq., Solicitor, Navan.

TO LET BY PRIVATE TREATY—Several divisions of Grass Land. Particulars on application to

PATRICK SMITH & SON, Auctioneers, Valuers, and Live Stock Salesmen, NAVAN.

OLD CONNAUGHT, BRAY.

WE have received instructions to Let by Auction on the Lands on FRIDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1921, at 12 Noon.

70 ACRES

PRIME GRAZING LANDS of above Estate in divisions, up to 31st OCTOBER, 1922. Cards with areas on application.

GAVIN LOW, LTD., 50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

LAND LETTINGS AND LIVE STOCK SALES BY C. J. RUSSELL, AUCTIONEER.

ASHBOURNE LIVE STOCK SALE, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), DECEMBER 30th. Commencing at 12 o'clock sharp. THE LARGEST SALE OF THE SEASON.

800 HEAD,

Consisting of 2½ and 3-year-old Horned and Polly Bullocks and Heifers, 1½ and 2-year-old ditto, Springers, Milch Cows; Galway and Horny Ewes, running with Shrop and Suffolk Rams since September; Fat and Store Wethers and Lambs.

Also will be Sold two New Ladders, 20 feet and 12 feet; Gates, Paling Posts, Barrow, Flower Stand; 7½ Yards of Irish Tweed, etc.

Owing to the lengthy catalogue, Sale will start at 12 o'clock sharp. All stock to be in pens at 11.30 sharp.

IMPORTANT LETTING OF LAND FOR GRAZING.

C. J. RUSSELL is instructed by the Owner to LET BY PRIVATE TREATY

120 IRISH ACRES

Of Prime Old Pasture Land, in divisions of from 20 to 32 acres. These lands are situated about two miles from Ashbourne village and 12 miles from Dublin Cattle Market. They have never been previously let, and are at present covered with an abundance of winter keep. They will be carefully herded, are well fenced, and have an unfailing supply of water. They are noted as being some of the best finishing lands in the locality.

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LANDS TO BE LET PRIVATELY.

18 Acres at Milltown, Ashbourne, for Grazing or Meadow and Aftergrass; 6 Acres, 6¼ Acres, and 7 Acres at Killegland, Ashbourne; 8 Acres, 7¼ Acres, and 3¼ Acres at Nutstown, Garristown; 3 Acres at Upper Commons, Garristown, for Grazing or Meadow and Aftergrass; 40 Acres, 25 Acres, 20 Acres, 10 Acres, 11 Acres, 9¼ Acres, and 10 Acres at Reask, Dunshaughlin, for Grazing or Meadowing.

C. J. RUSSELL, AUCTIONEER, ASHBOURNE.

AUCTIONS BY PATRICK O'CONNOR & SON.

NEXT TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY. CAULSTOWN, FOLISTOWN, and BALLYMACOLL, DUNBOYNE—For P. Mooney, Esq., and N. Martin, Esq.—Letting of 170 Acres Grazing, in divisions, a considerable portion of which has been slagged. Sale 12.30 o'clock.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, 4th JANUARY. ADAMSTOWN, LUCAN—For T. Coldough, Esq.—Letting of 40 Acres Grazing, in divisions. Sale 12.30 o'clock.

MONDAY, 9th JANUARY. TASSAGGART and COLLEGE, SAGGART, CO. DUBLIN—420 Acres Prime Fattening Land, in divisions from 10 to 50 Acres, viz.:—300 Acres for Mrs. Campbell and Lieutenant-Colonel J. V. Verschoyle Campbell, and 120 Acres for Lieutenant-Colonel McN. Verschoyle Campbell. Sale at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY. SENESCHALSTOWN, BEAUPARC—For Miss Kelly—Letting of 70 Acres, in divisions.

WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY. NEWTOWN, OLDTOWN—For Mrs. Lyons—Letting of 50 Acres Grazing, in divisions.

FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY. GARRISTOWN—For J. Murray, Esq.—Letting of 80 Acres of the Lands of Hilltown, Garristown, and Newhaggard, in divisions, if not previously Set by Private Treaty.

MONDAY, 16th JANUARY. CLONEYMEATH, SUMMERHILL—For T. F. Kelly, Esq.—Letting of 60 Acres Grazing, in divisions.

PATRICK O'CONNOR & SON, Auctioneers, Valuers, etc., 49 QUEEN STREET, DUBLIN.

SALES BY E. A. COONAN & SON,

RATHCOFFEY, CLONGOWESWOOD, and NAAS.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), DECEMBER 30th—At Turnings, Straffan, for R. J. Mills, Esq.—5 Acres of Turnips, in Drill, at 12 o'clock.

SAME DAY—At 2 o'clock, at Straffan—Sale of upwards of 100 Ash Trees, in Lots to suit buyers, and near the road.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th—At Tipper, beside Naas, for John Doyle, Esq.—Letting of 72 Acres of Top Finishing Land, in One Division, at 1 o'clock, if not previously Let.

FOR LETTING BY PRIVATE TREATY—Laragh, Maynooth, three divisions of 28, 27, and 24 Acres. Blackhall, Clane, 52 Acres. Belgard, Kilcock, 17 Acres.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9th—At Kilmagorrig, Kilcock, for Mr. J. Telford—60 Tons of First Crop and Old Meadow Hay in Rick. Sale at 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th—At Celbridge, for Capt. R. J. Maunsell—3 Lots of House Property. Sale at 1 o'clock.

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Marsala Crown	4/6		

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DOMESTICS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

WANTED, reliable General, indoor; small family; Donnybrook.—O 161, this office. D

WANTED, experienced young General; good cook, small washing; wages £24, indoor; family three.—O 117, this office.

WANTED, respectable young General for Clontarf; must be clean and tidy.—O 123, this office. D

WANTED immediately, capable General, early riser, good cook; family two. Seen, after 7, 13 Wellington place, Pembroke.

WANTED, General for small family; must be good cook; small washing.—20 York road, Rathmines, after 6 p.m. A

WANTED, General, plain cooking, small washing; small family.—Garnarille, Brighton avenue, Rathgar.

WANTED immediately, well recommended, active General; good wages.—14 Eaton square, Monkstown.

WANTED, General, Donnybrook; cook, wash, etc.; family three; send copy last discharge; £25.—O 187, this office. A

YOUNG General Wanted by Mrs. Baker, 22 Palmerston road; good wages and outings to suitable girl. Call after 7, with references. E

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

ANY number Parlour, H. P'maids, H'maids, Lady's Maids, Ireland, England.—Kennedy's, 68 Sackville st.

EXPERIENCED House Parlourmaid required, Pembroke district; wages £30; housemaid kept; Protestant; must have good references.—O 95, this office. D

LADY requires smart, active Girl as House Parlourmaid, neighbourhood Ballsbridge; three in family.—O 164, this office.

REQUIRED immediately, Daily House Parlourmaid, experienced; good wages. Apply 18 Crosthwaite Park, E., 10-11 morning. E

WANTED, experienced House Parlourmaid, country place, age about 40; help given; wages £30, washing; send copies.—E. Moore, Dunshane, Brannoxtown, Co. Kildare. D

WANTED immediately, young, experienced House Parlourmaid. Write, enclosing copies references, or apply with originals, after 5.30, at 49 Lower Leeson st., Dublin. E

WANTED, for Carlow, a R.C. House Parlourmaid; help given; wages £24; send copies.—"Z 955, Maid," this office. F

WANTED immediately, Housemaid, for country; two kept; wait on nursery, needlewoman; enclose copies discharges, age, wages.—Mrs. Grubb, Castlegrace, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.

WANTED immediately, competent House Parlourmaid; well recommended; £25; two family; Rathmines; copies.—O 108, this office.

WANTED, January 5th, House Parlourmaid; one partly trained might suit. Apply, after 7, Comber, Ailesbury Park. A

WANTED at once for Co. Meath, a Parlourmaid (Protestant) where pantry girl is kept; must thoroughly understand her duties and be well recommended. Apply, with copies of references, to "Z 971, Parlourmaid," this office.

WANTED (temporarily) young House Parlourmaid who understands her duties. Apply, evenings, 31 Pembroke road.

WANTED, House Parlourmaid, for small modern house. Apply Mrs. Barrington Goodbody, Cork Hill, Clara, King's Co.

NURSES WANTED.

AGENT for Nurses, MAIDS, and ATTENDANTS. Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton st., Dublin, recommends all classes experienced Nurses. T

A YOUNG, experienced Nurse Wanted, Phoenix Park district; three children, 7, 5, 1½ years; copies discharges.—O 85, this office. D

EXPERIENCED Protestant Nurse, or Nursery Governess, Wanted, middle January; country; one child, age 6; state age, qualifications, copies references.—"Z 963, Nurse," this office. A

NURSE Wanted at once, experienced; entire charge girl 1½ years; no washing. Copy references, wages expected, etc., to "Z 958, Nurse," this office. F

REQUIRED, experienced Nursemaid, look after twin boys 3 months old; good references. Apply personally any evening, after 5, 67 Moyne road, Dublin. E

WANTED, Children's Nurse, with experience of infants; quiet country place.—"Z 947, Nurse," this office.

WANTED, early January, experienced Children's Maid, for child aged four and half years; keep own nursery; country town; send copies references, state wages and particulars.—"Z 965, Maid," this office. A

WANTED, for Dalkey, young Girl to Mind Baby, light Housework; two in family.—O 107, this office.

WANTED, thoroughly experienced Nurse to take entire charge infant, six weeks old. Kindly communicate with the Hon. Mrs. Campbell, Monasterevan.

KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, ETC., WANTED.

LAUNDRESS Wanted, experienced shirt and finery ironer.—Royal Hibernian Hotel. E

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

DAILY Help requires work in or around Dublin; Protestant; experienced all branches housework; or would go as Working Housekeeper; can be interviewed any Wednesday.—O 177, this office.

EXCELLENT Cook Working H'keeper, dairy, young; Cook Generals, long refs. Seen Mulpeter's, 11 South Anne st.

GIRL requires Daily Work, Rathmines vicinity; lady recommends.—O 176, this office.

POULTRYMAID wants place; experienced in breeding utility birds and preparing for show; good at egg production; highly recommended.—"Z 924, Maid," this office. D

RESPECTABLE young Woman wishes situation as Working Housekeeper; trustworthy; business house; highly recommended.—O 77, this office.

WORKING Housekeeper or Cook General, disengaged 2nd January.—O 153, this office. D

YOUNG Woman wishes morning work or three days weekly; well recommended.—Mrs. Kelly, rear 8 Lower Camden st., City.

YOUNG Girl seeks situation as Sewingmaid; good dressmaker; do light housework; highly recommended.—"Z 1012, Girl," this office.

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COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS DISENGAGED.

COOK General; take dairy; small family; good papers, recommended.—O 157, this office.

COOK General; small dairy; quiet family; country; highly recommended.—O 158, this office.

COOK Housekeeper disengaged 4th January; excellent cook; can be highly recommended; Dublin preferred.—O 159, this office.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

COOK, good, disengaged; satisfactory papers; suburbs, country; highly recommended.—O 154, this office.

GOOD Cook, open engagement, will take permanent or temporary place; well recommended. Apply R. H., 47 Talbot st., City. D

HOTEL Cook disengaged; highly recommended; long papers; town, country.—M. 12 Hardwicke place.

PROTESTANT Cook; good all round, excellent cakes, pastry; reliable kitchenmaid.—O 150, this office.

SITUATION Wanted as Cook or Housekeeper, in gentleman's place, or lady; highly recommended.—"Z 1005, Cook," this office.

YOUNG Cook disengaged; good papers; city, suburbs; highly recommended.—O 158, this office.

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

GENERAL, or Cook General; good plain cook; highly recommended.—O 156, this office.

GIRL wishes situation as General, small family.—Mary Byrne, Killakee, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin.

GENERAL wants Daily Work, good Cook Laundress, House Worker; years' references.—Brigid, 53 St. Joseph's, Donnybrook road.

YOUNG General disengaged; well recommended; city preferred.—O 134, this office.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED.

EXPERIENCED Upper Housemaid; care linen, wait on lady; good needlewoman; disengaged January 15; R.C., well recommended.—"Z 981, Maid," this office. E

EXPERIENCED young General wishes to go as Parlourmaid or Housemaid; can be highly recommended; city or suburbs preferred; disengaged 2nd January.—O 115, this office.

EXPERIENCED House Parlourmaid, disengaged January 4th.—South Hill, Killiney.

NURSES DISENGAGED.

A QUALIFIED, trained Babies' and Children's Nurse, excellent references, disengaged 17th January.—"Z 969, Nurse," this office. E

EXPERIENCED, trustworthy Nurse, R.C., disengaged first week in January; city or suburbs.—O 139, this office.

MRS. Stafford O'Brien thoroughly recommends her Nurse for temporary place until Easter; children over a year. Apply C. Richards, Lahard, Beaufort, Co. Kerry. A

PROTESTANT young Children's Nurse, disengaged, desires situation; excellent references.—O 151, this office.

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AT Crotty's Sale—Men's Knitted Waistcoats, Canary and Lemon shades, 14/11 each. F

AT Crotty's Sale—Fleecy Wool Wraps, 3/9, 7/11, 10/11 each worth double. F

AT Crotty's Sale—Gentlemen's Heavy Tweed Overcoats, 69/6; worth £6 6/-. F

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AT Crotty's Sale—Gentlemen's Trench Coats, interlined Oil Cambrick, 67/6 each. F

AT Crotty's Sale—Gentlemen's Tweed Sports Coats, from 25/- each. F

AT Crotty's, 62 Grafton st., Dublin, Sale—Ladies' and Children's Goods offered at Half Price on Friday, 30th December, 1921. F

ALL Travelling Goods, Bags, Suit Cases, Trunks, Fishing Sundries, Golf, Footballs.—William A. Moore, 7 Aston's quay, Dublin. T

ALL Agents' Samples Selling now below cost—Clearing Dolls, Toys, all Fancy Goods, Razors, Knives, Spoons, Aluminium Ware, Melodeons, Violins, Concertinas, etc.—24 Bachelor's Walk, first floor, from 10 to 4. T

ELECTRO Kettle, on stand, for Sale, as new, 30/-.—O 196, this office. E

GOLF Clubs, best make, 10/6; Golf Balls, Silver King, 3/-; Scottie Balls, 1/3 each; Golf Bags, 7/6, 10/6, 14/6; Hockey Sticks, 8/9; Balls, 1/3.—The Athletic Stores, 122 Stephen's Green, Dublin. T

PERAMBULATOR, splendid condition, latest design, hardly used, for Sale.—21 Ely place. E

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COCKER Dog, all black, nine months, registered, Ware strain, splendid specimen.—"Z 809, Cockers," this office. D

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HOUSES AND LANDS FOR SALE.

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LADY wishes to Exchange House in Belfast, 11 apartments, for one in Dublin; full particulars.—"Z 962, House," this office. F

WOULD Civil Servant going North tell another C.S. of House to Let, Unfurnished? Rent about £70.—C 75, this office. D

WANTED to Rent, in suburbs, Unfurnished modern House; £80 yearly; highest references.—C 140, this office.

WANTED, small House, seven rooms, one or more acres, within six miles G.P.O.—"Z 997, House," this office.

WANTED immediately, Furnished House in city or suburbs for 3 or 6 months; 2 reception and 3 or 4 bedrooms; £10 to £12 monthly.—"Z 999, House," this office. F

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£500 OFFERED, House or House and Shop; suburbs preferred.—O 52, this office. X

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AT 17 Northumberland road—Rooms, with or without Board; visitors or permanent. T

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APARTMENTS, beautifully Furnished, suit three or four young gentlemen in professional man's house; every up to date convenience, electric light, 'phone, best cooking and attendance, full or partial Board; very moderate terms.—C 100, this office. F

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TO Let, Half House, select locality, few minutes Stephen's Green; small family preferred. Rent and particulars apply O 138, this office. E

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SEASIDE AND COUNTRY.

HOUSES TO LET AND WANTED

CO. Down—House, elevated position, extensive views, mile from country town and station, 17 from Belfast, to be Let, Furnished or Unfurnished; 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, bath (h. and c.), tennis ground, etc. Land if required.—O 195, this office.

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SEASIDE AND COUNTRY CONTINUED.

SORRENTO terrace, Dalkey—Comfortably Furnished House with every convenience, to Let; moderate.—O 182, this office. A

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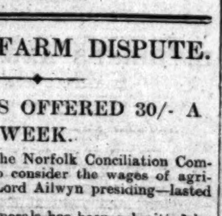

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ENGLISH FARM DISPUTE.

LABOURERS OFFERED 30/- A WEEK.

The meeting of the Norfolk Conciliation Committee yesterday to consider the wages of agricultural workers—Lord Ailwyn presiding—lasted four hours.

After various proposals has been submitted by both sides, it was resolved to submit the matter to the Executives of the two organisations concerned—the National Farmers' Union and the Agricultural Workers' Union—and that a further meeting of the Conciliation Committee should be held as early as possible in the New Year with a view to arriving at an agreement for a considerable period from February.

Thus no agreement was reached for January, for which month the farmers offer a weekly wage of 30s.

RIVER'S GRIM SECRET.

While in flood the River Eden, at Carlisle, has yielded up a body, much decomposed and minus the head and arms, apparently that of a man. The only means of identification were a pair of Army boots and heather coloured socks. The remains are believed to have been in the water for several months.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

GLASGOW, Wednesday.—Much lighter supplies of both home and Irish cattle; the quality all round was about last average, and a much dearer trade was reported at a rise in values of £2 per head. There were fewer sheep on view to-day, and a dearer trade was also experienced for all classes.

EDINBURGH, Wednesday.—Very small supplies and no show to cattle on account of holiday season; fewer buyers. Polled bullocks sold to £25 10/-; Cumberland cows, to £36 per head.

WAKEFIELD, Wednesday.—Quite a holiday market, and little business passing. Small sheep and hoggs made 14d. per lb., medium 13d., large 10d. to 1/-, ewes 7d. to 10d. Best beef 1/- per lb., other sorts 9d. to 10d. Beasts 230, sheep 322.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC, Wednesday.—WHEAT cargoes quiet, but held for fully steady rates. No. 1 Northern Manitoba January sellers 54/-, Pacific afloat 51/-, Australian January 52/-, and Baril 62lbs. January-February 48/-. Parcels steady. No. 1 Northern Manitoba afloat and January sellers 52/6, and Baril 62lbs. January-February 48/-, per 480lbs. MAIZE quiet, but steady, and 1/- advance regarding cargoes. Plate steamers afloat and also shipment sellers 34/-, and yellow and white African afloat 31/-. Plate parcels December-January sellers 32/9 per 480lbs. BARLEY quiet, and market quite nominal. OATS firm. Plate f.a.q. December-January quoted 24/3, January-February 24/-, and No. 2 Canadian Western December-January 27/6 per 320lbs.

MARK LANE, Wednesday.—English WHEAT steady; whites delivered up 48/- to 51/-, and reds 48/- to 51/-. Foreign grades maintained; No. 1 Northern Manitoba 55/6 ex ship, No. 2 ditto 54/- ex ship, No. 2 hard winter 54/- landed, and Australian spot 53/-. FLOUR steady; quiet; Canadian exports patents 46/- ex store, ditto straights 43/- ex store, Kansas patents 43/- ex store, London standard straights 46/- ex mill, and Australian patents 45/- ex store. GRINDING BARLEY dull; English 37/- to 41/-, No. 4 Canada western 32/- landed, and American feed 29/- landed. OATS maintained; English 28/- to 33/-, Canadian 31/- to 32/- landed, Plate 26/6 to 27/3 landed, and Chilian 28/- landed. MAIZE firm; mixed American 33/- landed, yellow African 34/6, white 33/6 landed, and Plate 34/9 landed.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.—WHEAT—The weight of influences received during the interval since last report were not of an encouraging character, and, with general apathy here, owing to the holiday feeling being still prevalent, wheat ruled in favour of buyers. C.i.f. parcels of No. 1 Manitoba afloat sold at 51/9 to Liverpool, and No. 3 Manitoba in same position to Manchester at 48/8 per qr., No. 2 hard winter December quoted 51/-, and Rosario Santa-Fe 63½lbs. January-February 48/6 per qr. C.i.f. parcels American mixed MAIZE afloat quoted 29/6 to 30/-, according to position. Wheat on the spot was quietly steady and unaltered. Maize—Spot parcels steady for American mixed at 7/3 to 7/3½, while River Plate was sparingly offered at 7/7 to 7/7½ per cental, which shows a decided advance. FLOUR was in but moderate request at late rates. Graded red wheat futures ruled inactive for some time, then 1½d. decline was accepted but later on recovered slightly, the market closing quiet at 1d. per cental under Friday last. Sales—10 loads at 10/1½ to 10/2 for March delivery. Closing values—March 10/2, May 10/0½ per cental. Yellow River Plate maize options closed nominally ½d. dearer.

GLASGOW, Wednesday.—Wheat quiet, unaltered. Flour dull at late rates. Maize quieter. Barley steady. Oats 6d. to 1/- lower. Beans quiet. Peas unaltered. Oatmeal dull; poor demand.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.—BACON—Live hogs at Chicago showed a smart advance in the interval since last report, and speculative products generally were dearer, while bacon arrivals at this port were only of moderate extent. The holiday feeling, however, was still prevalent, and little disposition shown by buyers to operate in any description, while holders were free sellers, backs being reduced to 94/- to 98/- and Cumberlands 86/- to 92/- per cwt. HAMS also freely offered at easier prices for long cut at 102/- to 108/- and short cut 115/- to 118/- per cwt., but skinless showed no quotable change. Shoulders quiet but steady for New Yorks, with squares and picnics scarce and nominal. Canadian Wiltshires quiet at about late rates. Irish and Continental sides little altered. LARD on the spot was unchanged for prime steam, but American refined easier at 64/3 for pails and 61/- to 62/- in boxes. CHEESE quiet at late currencies. BUTTER shows little alteration, Danish being now quoted 160/- to 165/- per cwt. EGGS quiet and partially easier; Irish at 39/- to 40/-, Canadian 24/- to 25/-, States 25/- to 23/6, Argentine 21/- to 23/-, and Egyptian 11/6 to 12/6 per 120.

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REFINED LARD FUTURES.—LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.—American cables in the interval since last report showed an advance, and values here improved 3d. to 6d. per cwt. during the early session, when 59/- was paid for January and 59/9 for May delivery, with December unchanged at 60/6 paid, while there were sellers of cash lard at this price ex quay. Values ruled somewhat irregular during the afternoon, the current month giving way, but other months further improving, December selling at 60/6 to 60/3, January 59/3, and May 60/-, closing 3d. lower to 9d. dearer on the day; March quoted 59/- to 59/9, and cash lard quay 59/9 to 60/3.

MANCHESTER, Wednesday.—BUTTER—Arrivals of Danish have been small, the quotation for finest ranging from 156/- to 160/-, and Finnish 145/- to 150/-. Irish was not quoted, while Colonial makes displayed much irregularity in values, and definite prices were difficult to obtain. BACON met a fair inquiry at steady rates. LARD was decidedly easier, English refined being now quoted at 63/- per cwt. CHEESE quiet at about late rates. EGGS were slightly easier; Irish quoted 38/6 to 40/6, Americans 23/6 to 24/-, and Egyptians 11/9 to 12/6.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE, Wednesday.—A ready clearance was effected of the small quantities of vegetables offering here around following prices:—York cabbage, 14/- to 20/- per load; Savoy, 14/- to 20/- and 24/- per load; swedes, 1/2 to 1/4 and 1/6 per cwt.

DUBLIN FISH, Wednesday.—The only quotable items on our fish market to-day were 6 boxes of codfish at 70/- per half-box, and 6 boxes of plaice at from 50/- to 100/- per half-box. These were readily sold.

BILLINGSGATE FISH, Wednesday.—Supply fair; demand moderate. Soles and slips, 14d. to 17d. per lb.; live eels, 20/- to 35/-; dead, 18/- to 22/- per draft; turbot, also brill, 16/- to 18/-; plaice, 15/- to 19/-; halibut, 18/- to 22/-; lemon soles, 16/- to 20/-; whitches, 10/- to 14/-; cod, 7/- to 10/-; whiting, 7/-; gurnet, 7/-; hake, 14/-; haddock, 10/- to 13/-; skate, 10/- to 12/-; bream, 5/- per stone.

GRIMSBY FISH, Wednesday.—Forty-two North Sea, three Iceland, one Faroe trawlers, and three liners landed a poor supply; demand fair. Plaice, 21/- to 22/-; cod, 11/- to 13/-; skate, 10/- to 12/6; halibut, 22/-; small haddocks, 9/6; kit, 12/-; gibbed, 13/-; dabs, 18/- to 20/-; codlings, 8/- to 5/6; whitings, 8/6 per stone; soles, 1/7; turbot and brill, 1/5 per lb.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Wednesday.—SUGAR—A fair business was effected in British refined at 9d. per cwt. decline. Messrs. Tate and Lyle's cubes sold 51/3 to 52/3, crushed 48/6, nibs 49/3, granulated 46/6 to 47/-, castor 48/6 to 49/-, yellow crystals 41/-, crystallised West India 37/- to 39/6, American granulated spot 45/-, ditto prompt 17/9, January-March 17/6, c.i.f. U.K.; Belgian crystals spot 42/6, ditto ready 17/9, f.o.b. Antwerp; white Java spot 43/6 to 44/-, white Natal 43/- to 45/-. Terminal market quiet; December raw quoted 13/-, March 11/9, white December 17/6, March 17/1½ cwt. COFFEE—Spot market quiet, steady. Futures slow; March quoted 51/10½, May 52/9, July and also September 53/3 cwt. RICE in quiet demand and quotations in a great measure nominal. Beans dull. SPICE—Market steady for pepper, but quiet; late black Singapore spot 3¼d., January-March 3¼d., Aleppy spot 4d., Tellicherry 4½d., white Singapore spot 7½d., Muntok ditto 7¼d., January-March 7 7-16d. Zanzibar cloves spot 1/6¼, forward 1/4½, pimento spot 2½d., flake tapioca spot 1½d. per lb. Fair Penang seed spot 16/6. Sago flour January-March 13/3. Desiccated Cocoanut fine cut spot 41/-, medium 42/- cwt. Tapioca Japanese limed spot 40/- cwt. JUTE—Market quiet but steady, holiday influence being felt, while Calcutta was closed to-day. New crop first grade January-February, Continental ports, quoted £24 15/-, February-March £25 7/6, lightning grade ditto January-February £21 5/-, Daisee grade No. 2 January-February, Dundee buyers £24 10/- ton. Hessians steady; 10oz. spot [illegible]; [illegible] sacking cloth January sold 50/9, [illegible] London 4 twills about done 78/-. [illegible] January 63/5. HEMP—Manila quiet and without feature; G grade December-February quoted £39, [illegible] £37 10/-; streaky one £43. New Zealand fair December-February £35 10/- ton. SISAL [illegible] quiet; T.N. spot 325/- to 330/-, March 325/- [illegible]. COPRA quietly steady; F.M.S. Straits January-March Rotterdam £27, F.M. ditto December-February Marseilles £23, Ceylon December-February London £[illegible], South Sea Island ditto £25 10/-, Cebu Hamburg [illegible]. PALM KERNELS—December-February Liverpool £[illegible] 10/-, January-March £18 15/- ton. RUBBER [illegible] but trade quiet; standard crepe and sheet spot 11d., January-March 11½d. to 11¾d., April-June 11½d. to [illegible]; fine hard Para spot 12½d., ball 8¾d. per lb. [illegible] stocks, 69,320 tons. OILS—Linseed quiet; spot [illegible], January-April 27/6, May-August 27/9. Rape [illegible] spot 43/-. Cotton—Crude spot 37/-, [illegible] spot 57/6, January-April 57/6 [illegible] Soya unaltered. OILSEEDS—Linseed [illegible] Calcutta December-January quoted £17 [illegible] December-January £16 5/-, January-February [illegible] Toria January-February quoted [illegible] seed quiet; Egyptian, December [illegible] £12 15/-, white £12 5/-, Bombay January [illegible] £9 per ton.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Wednesday.—Official Report—Market continues quiet; prices steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Wednesday.—American limited request. Brazilian quotations raised 49 points. East Indian quiet. Egyptian limited request. December 11.24d., January 11.22d., February 11.20d., March 11.21d., April 11.19d., May 11.15d. Sales 5,000, imports 48,082 bales. Market barely steady.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN—Market firmer, a good demand being reported met, while prices on balance ruled about 27/6 per ton higher since the close of Friday. Cash quoted £171 5/- to £172 7/6, and three months £174 5/- to £174 7/6; settlement price £172 5/-. Sales 500 tons, cash done £171 15/- to £172 5/-, two months £173 5/-, and three months £173 10/- to £174 7/6. COPPER met with good support, and a steady tone governed the market. Cash quoted £66 5/- to £66 7/6 and three months £67 5/- to £67 7/6; settlement price £66 5/-. Sales, 900 tons; cash done £66 7/6, middle of January £66 15/-, and three months £67 10/- to £67 7/6. Electro £74 to £75, B.S. £68 10/- to £70 10/-, S.S. £98. LEAD easier. Sales, 700 tons; December £24 15/- to £24 10/-, January £24 10/-, and March at £24 5/-. SPELTER steady. Sales, 300 tons; January £27 5/-, and February £27 7/6 per ton. TINPLATES quiet, unaltered.

LONDON FREIGHTS—Wednesday.

Homeward markets quiet, while still under holiday influences, and rates unaltered from recent level. In River Plate section fair interest is displayed for January loading, and steamers up river or Bahia Blanca to U.K.-Continent first half of month are worth 32/6 to 33/9 as to size, second half January 30/-, February 27/6, and later dates nominally 25/- heavy grain, with proportionate increases for light cargoes. North American rates are steady for heavy grain to West Italy and Greece at 20 to 21 cents and 24 cents per 100lbs., respectively, while to U.K. 4/- per quarter nearest indicated. New York quotes 30 cents for case oil to two ports North China prompt loading, and Port Arthur to South Africa would come 28 to 29 cents per case. Eastern markets show no signs of improvement. Australia steady for handy size steamers at 50/- loading South Australia or Victoria to U.K.-Continent. Other markets nominally unaltered. Fixtures—Brighton, 4,400 tons, 10 per cent., Bahia Blanca to U.K.-Continent, 25th January-15th February, 30/-, heavy grain, option clipped oats 2/6 extra; Ambersouise, 5,300 tons, 10 per cent., San Lorenzo to U.K.-Continent, 16th January, cancelling 33/9, heavy grain, option Bahia Blanca at 32/6, option Buenos Ayres-La Plata 31/3.

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